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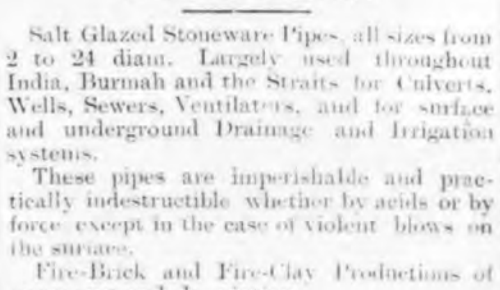

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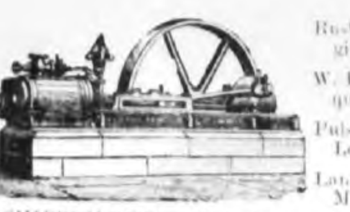

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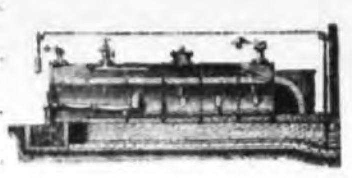

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HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS
In the BEACONSFIELD HOTEL, ST. KILDA,
Comprising
DRAWINGROOM, DININGROOM, and BEDROOM FURNITURE.
Consisting of
SIDEBOARDS, OVERMANTELS, EXTENSION TABLES, CEDAR DINING TABLE, 20ft., about 100 VIENNA CHAIRS, PIER GLASSES, BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS, LINOLEUM, double and single BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, BEDDINGS, WASHSTANDS, WHATNOTS, MUSIC CANTERBURY, PIANO by Ancher Freres, ORNAMENTS, PICTURES, and numerous sundries.
First-class Alcock's full-size BILLIARD TABLE, with CUES, BALLS, MARKING BOARD, &c.
Large quantity of best E.P. WARE, CUTLERY, CROCKERY, &c.
And the whole of the Kitchen Utensils.
BAR-FITTINGS, superior 3-pull BEER-ENGINE, ICE-CHEST, DECANTERS, SHOW-BOTTLES, &c.
HALL and VERANDAH FURNITURE.
The Whole for Absolute Sale.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY.
At Eleven.
At our Rooms, 28-30 Elizabeth-street.
IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE
Of
SUPERIOR OFFICE FURNITURE,
Hammond Typewriter, Hammerless Chokebore Breechloader, New Winchester Repeating Rifle, Fireproof Safes, by Perry and Co., London; Copy Press, on Cedar Stand; Opera Glasses, Banjo, Violin, Household Furniture and Effects, &c.
In the Estate of F. Week, Deceased.
By Order of Mr. T. F. Bride,
Curator of Intestate Estates.

PLEASANCE and GRAHAM will SELL, to-day, at eleven o'clock,
The whole of the
FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
Comprising
Typewriter, splendid breechloader (in case), Winchester rifle, fireproof safe, copy press, office tables, desks, chairs, typewriter, fireproof safes, revolving globe, patent filter, seltzogene, musical instruments, valuable library, morocco suite, tables, chairs, groceries, oilmen's stores, champagne, colonial wines, lager beer, &c.

THIS DAY.
At Twelve.
At our Rooms, 28-30 Elizabeth-street.

UNRESERVED SALE of
GROCERIES, OILMEN'S STORES,
Manufacturer's Stock of Pepper, Spices, Essences, Perfumery, &c.,
Scales, Weights, Canisters, Fittings, Hose, and Sundries.
Removed to Rooms for Convenience of Sale.

PLEASANCE and GRAHAM will SELL, to-day,

Large and well-assorted stock of suburban grocer and manufacturer; also, scales, weights, canisters, and useful effects.
Terms—Cash.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.
At Eleven O'Clock.

To All Who Wish to Dispose of Their Goods
At the HIGHEST VALUE.
The BEST MEDIUM
Is
OUR REGULAR
WEEKLY AUCTION SALE
Of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
And Effects of Every Description,
Including Quantity of
STERLING SILVER and ELECTROPLATE.
HELD EVERY FRIDAY.

GEMMELL, TUCKETT, and Co. will hold, at their rooms, Tuckett-chambers, 359 and 361 Collins-street, on Friday, 8th January, at eleven o'clock, their
USUAL WEEKLY AUCTION SALE
Of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
And
Goods of every description.
5 "CHAMPION" BICYCLES, gentlemen's and ladies'.
UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO.
Beautiful MIRRORED WALNUT SIDEBOARD.
SPLENDID WALNUT DINING SUITE, in morocco.
INLAID WALNUT DRAWINGROOM SUITE.
Beautiful BEDROOM SUITES in walnut, &c.
Splendid oak 6ft. cin. BOOKCASE.
Finest ELECTROPLATE, in great variety.
Parisian and other bedsteads, bedding.
Extension dining-table, hall suite.
BRUSSELS and PERSIAN CARPETS.
BEAUTIFUL SADDLEBAG SUITE.
And great quantity of miscellaneous goods.
VALUABLE ETCHINGS. COSTLY ORNAMENTS, OIL PAINTINGS.
Lady's SIDE-SADDLE.
Nicoll's Acoffer mangle.
Bicycles will be offered about one o'clock.
Goods received for sale at any time.

Some exceptionally fine goods for PRIVATE SALE.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.
At One O'Clock.

During the Weekly Sale.
5 CHAMPION BICYCLES.
Gentlemen's and Ladies'.

GEMMELL, TUCKETT, and Co. will SELL by AUCTION, at their rooms, 359 and 361 Collins-street, on Friday, 8th inst., at one o'clock,
5 HIGH-GRADE CHAMPION BICYCLES.
Handsworth Cycle Co.
At One O'Clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23.
At Three O'Clock.
On the Property.
Monda, Hawthorn-grove,
HAWTHORN.

MORTGAGEES' SALE!
MORTGAGEES' SALE!

BATTEN and COMPANY have been instructed by the mortgagees to SELL, by PUBLIC AUCTION, on above day and date,
All that piece of land, having a frontage of 18ft. to Hawthorn-grove, Hawthorn, by a depth of about 185ft., being part of Crown Portion 36 at Hawthorn, parish of Boroondara, county of Bourke, as particularly described in certificate of title, vol. 2174, fol. 434,655, together with the charming brick villa residence erected thereon, built on solid stone base, slate roof, tiled verandah, wide hall, and containing eight lovely and well-ventilated rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and lavatory, marble and linen presses, scullery, and washhouse. The offices comprise stable, coachhouse, harness, man's room, &c. The grounds and walks are in first-class condition.
A splendid opportunity of obtaining a residence home at a very low figure.
Title, certificate. Terms at sale.
For further particulars of title apply to Messrs. Malleson, England, and Stewart, solicitors, 40 Queen-street, Melbourne.
Walter H. Batten and Co., auctioneers, &c., Hawthorn and Glenferrie. Telephone No. 19.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.
At Eleven O'Clock,
At the Rooms, 10 and 12 Elizabeth-street.

WEEKLY CATALOGUE AUCTION SALE
Of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

JAMES A. WISE will hold his usual WEEKLY AUCTION SALE, at his rooms, as above.
Terms—cash.
Goods received for these sales at any time.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.
At Eleven O'Clock.
On the Premises.
THE RED LION HOTEL,
424 Drummond-street, CARLTON,
Corner of Neill-street.
In the Insolvent Estate of Emma Barber.

FURNITURE, FITTINGS, STOCK-IN-TRADE.

NAYLOR, FORBES, and Co. have received instructions from S. H. Cohen, Esq., the assignee in the above estate, to SELL by AUCTION, as above,
The whole of the furniture and effects in the above hotel, as comprised in parlours, sitting-rooms, six bedrooms, bar, &c.
Also,
The stock-in-trade.
Without Reserve.

THIS DAY. At Half-past One.
Chapel-street, PRAHRAN.
OUR WEEKLY UNRESERVED SALE of
Useful and Well-kept HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising
Sideboard, with Bevelled Mirrors, Canopy Top; Two Drawingroom Suites in Tapestry and Plush, Extension Dining Tables, Tapestry and Brussels Carpets, Occasional Tables and Chairs, Linoleums, and Oilcloth, Bamboo Tables, Nickel, Parisian Bedsteads, Wire Mattresses, Cedar Chest Drawers, Double Set of Toilet Ware, Ornaments, Marble and Bronze Timepieces, Pictures, Kitchen Tables, Lot of Paperhangings, Wringer, Mangle, Tubs, Singer's Machine, and Effects.

ROBINSON and Co., auctioneers. Terms—cash. No reserve. Next sale Tuesday, January 12.

SALES BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY.
At the Rooms, 325 Collins-street.
At Eleven O'Clock Sharp.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
In the Estate of the Late Dr. Forster, of South Melbourne.

Removed to Our Rooms for Convenience of Sale.

BAYLEE and Co. (W. P. Buckhurst) will SELL, at their rooms, as above, entirely without reserve,
First-class collection of
FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Walnut PIANO, by Roemer
Superior morocco leather diningroom suite, massive solid walnut frames
Beautifully-carved walnut sideboard
Handsome walnut bedroom suite, beautifully carved
Beautiful Italian bedstead
Very fine Brussels carpet, 20 x 15, fender and fire-irons
Pair marble Etruscan vases, 5ft. high
Elegant ebon suite, in tapestry, seven pieces
Ash bedroom suite, four pieces
6ft. cedar extension dining table
Bookcase, couch, kitchen utensils
Bay, vapour bath, and sundries, 7ft. kitchen dresser.
As per full detailed catalogues, from the auctioneers.

THIS DAY.
Twelve O'Clock Sharp.
At the Rooms, 325 Collins-street.
For Unreserved Sale.
NEW HUDSON SAFETY BICYCLE.
Dunlop-Welch Tires and Valves, Lamp, Bell, and Cyclometer.
In Perfect Order. Will Carry 18st.
Owner Leaving for West Australia.

BAYLEE and Co. (W. P. Buckhurst) will SELL, this day, as above.
No Reserve.

THIS DAY.
Kirk's Bazaar.

CAMPBELL and SONS are instructed to SELL by AUCTION, this day, at twelve o'clock,
Pair black ponies, 4 years, thoroughly quiet in single and double harness, by Hero (imported).

THIS DAY.
Kirk's Bazaar.

CAMPBELL and SONS are instructed by the owner to SELL by AUCTION, this day, at twelve o'clock,
Chestnut mare, Ruby, 5 years, by William Tell from a Panic mare.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14.
At Half-past Two p.m.

Choice and Choicest New Season's (1896-97)
INDIAN TEA,
Ex S.S. Argus, &c., from Calcutta.
To Merchants, Grocers, Storekeepers, and Others.

FRASER and Co. have received instructions from the importers, Messrs. James Henty and Co., to SELL by AUCTION, at their rooms, 47 Queen-street, on Thursday, January 14, at half-past two o'clock,
513 chests and half-chests Indian tea.
Musters now on view.

THIS DAY.
At Eleven O'Clock.
To Boot Makers, Storekeepers, and Manufacturers.
BOOTS and SHOES. BOOTS and SHOES.

J. LYONS and Co. will SELL by AUCTION, at their rooms, as above,
A large quantity of men's, youths', and boys' calf goloshed bals., E. sides, patent and tan shoes; also, heavy goods, watertights, bluchers, R.S. lace, ladies' and children's glace kid button bals and evening shoes, infants' fancy shoes; also, leather, laces, grindery.
Without Reserve.

THIS DAY. THIS DAY.
At Two O'Clock. On the Premises.
122 Railway-place, NEWMARKET.
UNRESERVED SALE of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

W. J. PHILLIPS has received instructions from the owner, who is leaving the colony, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION household furniture and effects, consisting of drawingroom suite, whatnot, carpets, mirrors, bedsteads and bedding, pictures, chest drawers, tables, linoleum, kitchen utensils, &c. Terms—cash. W. J. Phillips, auctioneer, sworn valuator, estate agent, 39 Railway-place, Newmarket. Established 1866.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.
At Eleven O'Clock.

REGULAR WEEKLY UNRESERVED SALE
Of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

BEAUCHAMP BROTHERS SELL by AUCTION, at their rooms, 319 and 321 Collins-street, on Wednesday and Friday,
Furniture and miscellaneous articles.
Note.—Goods received up to five o'clock Thursday.
Catalogues ready Friday morning.
ENTIRELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

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Liberal CASH advances on the ensuing clip of wool either for sale in Melbourne or shipment to London.

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FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1897.
MORNEY PLAINS BULLOCKS.
At WODONGA.

PEARSON, ROWE, SMITH, and Co. will SELL by AUCTION, in their yards, at Wodonga, on Friday, 8th January, on arrival of the Melbourne train,
On Account of Messrs. Ware and Scott, Morney Plains,
1,200 bullocks, of their well-known and highly-esteemed ✝ C 9 brand.
These bullocks are all 3½ to 5 years old, and are reported an exceptionally good lot of this favourite brand. They have been spelled for two months on good country on the Loddon, and should reach Wodonga in good strong condition.
In lots to suit purchasers.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.
DANDENONG MARKET-YARDS.
295 HEAD of CATTLE.

JOSEPH CLARKE and Co. will SELL by AUCTION, on account of Mr. W. Craig, of Wedderburn, on the above date, at one o'clock, without reserve,
40 springers, 35 three-year-old heifers, 40 two-year-olds, 20 steers, 40 yearlings, and the balance young cattle.
Sale at One O'Clock.
No Reserve.

LIVE STOCK WANTED AND FOR SALE

ALL ANIMAL DISEASES: Cause, Prevention, Cure, by Day, Son, and Hewitt, world-known English vets. One shilling. Williams, 21 Fink's-buildings, Melbourne.

BOX Hill Market, every Wednesday, Cattle, Horses, Pigs, Poultry, Vehicles, sundries. T. R. B. Morton, auctioneer, 80 Swanston-st., and Box Hill.

COWS, two, few days calved, from Gippsland, 14 to 20 quarts; Jersey, great butter cow, exchange dry. 5 Edward-st., off Chapel-st., Balaclava tram terminus.

COWS.—Two first-class Jerseys, one just calved; guaranteed quiet. H. Kenny's, Centre-rd., East Brighton.

EGGS, Minorcas, from prize strain, guaranteed, 3s.; also, 20 splendid Canaries and breeding cages, cheap. 78 Neill-st., Carlton.

FOR SALE, PONY, 14.2, well-bred, perfect goer, driven by lady, handsome Phaeton, Harness, boy's Saddle and Bridle, stable requisites, all nearly new, suitable gentleman's family; rare opportunity. Address Owner, Argus office.

FOR SALE, choice three DRAUGHTS, also very handsome Pony, 13.2 hands, fast. Morning, Burton Brewery, West Melbourne.

FOWLS, Ducks, Turkeys, Geese, all kinds of young and fat poultry at cheapest rates in Melbourne. A large stock at Lang's, 2 Macquarie-st., Prahran.

HORSES, Ponies, Vehicles, Harness (single, double), Express Waggons, Buggies, Pony, Pleasure, F.R. Cart, Spring, Tip, Wharf Drays; cash or terms. 1 Sheiler-st., off Victoria-st., North Richmond. Exchanges made.

HORSES, two, well bred, young, suitable doctor, lennox, dogcart, butcher; cheap, owner leaving. 5 Acland-st., St. Kilda.

MARE, good, and showy, cart Harness, Saddle, and Bridle; £14; will separate. Chandler, Hartwell, near Canterbury.

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Coachbuilders,
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Opposite Old Cemetery,
By Special Appointment to
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Have Always on Hand
A Large Stock of
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Both New and Secondhand.
Telephone No. 1654.

AT REEVES and Co., Carriage Builders, Flinders-lane east, we have decided to SELL (below cost) our large stock of high-class VEHICLES, comprising Landaus, Broughams, Victorias, Waggonettes, slide and other Buggies, Phaetons, Dogcarts, &c. Buyers will do well to inspect before purchasing elsewhere.

CARRIAGES, VEHICLES, &c.

AT WHITE'S CARRIAGE COMPANY LTD., St. Kilda road (opposite Government-house gate), largest and best assorted stock in Melbourne (300 to choose from), including Landaus, Broughams, Barouches, Victorias, Waggonettes, two and four wheel Dog-carts, Goddard, Abbots (single and double), Slide-seats, Coalbox, Sidebar and Timkin Buggies; Patent Hansoms, Ralli and Osborne Carts, patent and ordinary Pony Phaetons, and Marni Buggies. Great reduction in repair charges. We send for and return all repair work. Show-rooms at above address; Hay-street, Perth; Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie, and Cue.

A CARD.—We beg to inform our many West Australian friends, and those about to go there, that we have OPENED a BRANCH WORKSHOP in Hay-street, PERTH, where every description of vehicle suitable for the colony is kept in stock, made from best seasoned timber sent from here; also agents at Coolgardie, Messrs. Stoddart, Duffy, and Co.; Kalgoorlie, Messrs. G. T. Bell and Co. Ltd.; Cue, Messrs. Jacques, M'Intosh, and Monford; and Cape Town, South Africa. Orders sent from any of those places will receive our best attention.
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AMERICAN CONCORD BUGGIES (imported), Speedings, £20; Abbotts, Phaetons, &c., best value in the city. Waring Bros., 490 Elizabeth-st.

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VICTORIA, beautifully upholstered in blue morocco, cost £180; selling price, £80.
BROUGHAM, single, only in use six months, reduced from £200 to £95.
ABBOT BUGGY, £25.
Four-wheeled DOGCART, a perfect gem.
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VEHICLES of every conceivable kind at equally low prices.
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BUGGIES (single and double), Phaetons, Express and Farmers' Waggons, Creamery Rustic, and Pony Carts, Drays, &c.; 80 vehicles of all descriptions to choose from. Exchanges made. Secondhand Vehicle Depot, 405 Little Bourke-st., next Kirk's Bazaar.

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BUGGY, Abbott, equalising bars, brake, complete, suit town, country; take £15, cost £38. Douglas, 157 Lennox-st., Richmond, close station.

DOG-CART, beauty, Prince George Cart; also Abbott Buggies, to order, £20. 89 Clarendon-st., South Melbourne.

DOGCART, superior, stylish, lancewood shafts, solid oak body, Collinge axle, leather trimmings, nearly new; sacrifice. 132 Queen-st.

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PONY PHAETONS, Buggies, variety pleasure Express-waggons, Carts, new, secondhand; bargains. Jackson's Phœnix Carriage Works, 228 Brunswick-st., Fitzroy.

PONY PHAETON, hooded, single-seated, varnished, no paint; best Melbourne. Sell any offer. 19 Kent-st., Richmond.

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"I wish you every success in your new business, and am confident that when the WHITE becomes BETTER KNOWN in Australia you will have an enormous sale. You may, if you so desire, refer any purchasers to me, &c.
"(Sgd.) EDWD. H. WYMAN, Collins-st. W."

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TENDERS will be received until 11 a.m. on Monday, 11th inst., for
FORMATION of LANE off Drewery-street, and situate in Section 112, Allotments 4, 5, 22, and 23, Victoria Ward.
Specification may be seen at City Surveyor's office.
JOHN CLAYTON, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's office, Town-hall, Melbourne, 7th January, 1897.

MELBOURNE and METROPOLITAN BOARD of WORKS.
Separate TENDERS are invited for the under-mentioned WORKS, &c. Tenders, accompanied by the necessary preliminary deposit and endorsed "Tender for —" (as the case may be), must be deposited in the tender-box, at the offices of the board, Rialto, 501 Collins-street, at or before 11 o'clock a.m. of the dates as specified:—
FRIDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1897.—Supply and Delivery of Ten (10) Tons of Soft Pig Lead. Preliminary deposit, £3; final deposit, 5 per cent. on amount of tender.
TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1897.—Supply and Delivery of 500 Vitrified Stoneware Oblique Branches. Preliminary deposit, £10; final deposit, £20.
TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1897.—Supply and delivery of solid drawn lead pipe. Preliminary deposit, 2½ per cent. on amount of tender; final deposit, 5 per cent.
TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1897.—Supply and delivery of vitrified stoneware. Preliminary deposit, 2½ per cent. on amount of tender; final deposit, 5 per cent.
TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1897.—Construction of Wells-street Branch Sewer, South Melbourne (Section 1). Preliminary deposit, 1 per cent. on amount of tender. Final deposit, 5 per cent.
WEDNESDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1897.—Supply and delivery at the Pumping Station, Spottiswoode, of about 35 tons of cast-iron floor plates. Preliminary deposit, £10; final deposit, £20.
Full particulars at this office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
GEO. A. GIBBS, Secretary.

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Telephone 787.

SURPRISE GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Mount View, Redbank. To MINERS.
TENDERS, addressed to A. Clarke-Johnstone, legal manager, 338 Collins-street, Melbourne, up to Thursday, 14th January, 1897, for SINKING a SHAFT a further depth of 100ft. from the 110ft. level. Size, 10ft. x 4ft. in the clear.
Specifications to be seen at Gregory's Hotel, Avoca, on the mine, and with Henry Jackson and Co., View Point, Bendigo.
Melbourne, 6th January, 1897.

SYDNEY H. WILSON, Architect, Surveyor, and Valuer, Temple-court, Collins-street, Invites TENDERS for ERECTION of RESIDENCE In Tooronga-road, Malvern.

SYDNEY SMITH and OGG, Architects, &c., 101 Queen-street, Melbourne, Invite TENDERS until noon on Monday next, for PAINTING, &c., to Five Brick Shops, Chapel-street, South Yarra.

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THE STOCK EXCHANGE of PERTH, W.A.
The provisional committee of "The Stock Exchange of Perth Club" invite applicants to TENDER for the CATERING for the new club.
The estimated number from the formation, about February 28, is supposed to be two hundred; the maximum number five hundred.
Applications, with testimonials attached, will be opened on January 12, 1897.
Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.
For particulars apply to the secretary,
C. DARCY LONGSON,
The Stock Exchange Co. Ltd., Perth.

TENDERS REQUIRED for CONSTRUCTION of DRAINAGE WORKS, Pitching Channelling, Fencing, and Repairs to the Exchange-buildings, Hopkins-street, Footscray. To be sent in by 4 o'clock on Wednesday, the 13th inst., to J. Marks, 108 Queen-street, Melbourne.
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WEBB V. ENGLAND.—"Income Tax Act 1895" (No. 1374), sections 7 (1) e, 14, 23, 24, 32 (3), 53, 56—Action by Commissioner for income tax in County Court—Defence of non-liability on ground of exemption.

CURRENT NOTES.

AFTER the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the WILL of DANIEL M'KAY (in the said will called Mackay), late of Benalla, in the said colony, railway employé, deceased, may be granted to Elizabeth M'Kay, of Benalla aforesaid, widow of the said Daniel M'Kay, the sole executrix named in and appointed by the said will.
Dated this 6th day of January, 1897.
RICKARBY and HEWISON, Melbourne and Benalla, proctors for the executrix.

APPLICATION for PROBATE.—Notice is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the WILL of BRIDGET EGAN, late of the parish of North Hamilton, in the colony of Victoria, married woman, deceased, may be granted to John Egan, of the parish of North Hamilton aforesaid, farmer, being the sole executor appointed by the said will.
Dated this 5th day of January, 1897.
W. H. MELVILLE, of Thompson-street, Hamilton, proctor for the applicant.

IN the SUPREME COURT of the COLONY of VICTORIA: In its Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ROBERT ALLAN, late of Creswick-road, Ballarat, in the Colony of Victoria, Safety Cage Maker, Deceased.—Notice is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the WILL of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to William Ivie Allan, of Mair-street, Ballarat aforesaid, accountant, the executor named in and appointed by the will of the said deceased.
Dated this sixth day of January, 1897.
CUTHBERT, MORROW, and MUST, Lydiard-street, Ballarat, proctors for the said executor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of 14 days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the WILL and CODICIL of CORNELIUS GAVIN CASEY, late of Wilson-street, Brighton, in the colony of Victoria, surgeon, deceased, may be granted to Richard Gardiner Casey, of Collins-street, Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria, gentleman, the executor appointed by the said will, Isabella Catherine Casey (in the said will called Isabella Catherine Casey), of Wilson-street, Brighton aforesaid, widow, the executrix appointed by the said will, having renounced probate of the said will and codicil.
Dated this sixth day of January, 1897.
BLAKE and RIGGALL, 120 William-street, Melbourne, proctors for the applicant.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the WILL of MORITZ EMIL GUSTAV KLEINER, late of Colac, in the colony of Victoria, hairdresser, deceased, may be granted to John Fulton, of Colac aforesaid, bootmaker, the sole executor named in and appointed by the said will.
Dated this 5th day of January, 1897.
T. W. HANCOCK, Colac, proctor for the said executor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that the freehold LANDS of which CHARLES BLANCHARD, late of Clunes, in the said colony, hotelkeeper, deceased, intestate, died possessed, and left unadministered by Grace Blanchard, his widow, may be dealt with as if the same had been held for a term of years, and that THE TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, and AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED, of 412 Collins-street, Melbourne, as the duly appointed agent of John Walker Trezise, of Clunes, gentleman, widower of the said Grace Trezise, formerly Grace Blanchard, deceased, shall be administrator thereof.
Dated the sixth day of January, 1897.
S. F. MANN, proctor for the company, Ballarat.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof an application will be made to the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that PROBATE of the WILL of MURDOCH M'KENZIE, late of Essendon, in the said colony, gentleman, deceased, be granted to William M'Kenzie, of Essendon aforesaid, farmer, the executor appointed by said will.
Dated the sixth day of January, 1897.
S. F. MANN, applicant's proctor, Ballarat.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of Victoria, in its Probate jurisdiction, that LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION of the estate of MARGARET JANE BEYNON, late of Parkin's Reef road, Maldon, in Victoria, spinster, deceased, intestate, be granted to Samuel Beynon, of the same place, miner, the eldest brother of the said deceased.
Dated this 6th day of January, 1896.
GEORGE ERNEST RALPH, High-street, Maldon, proctor for the said Samuel Beynon.

JUDICIAL AND LAW NOTICES.

PURSUANT to an Order of the High Court of Justice, England, Chancery Division, made in the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM DADES OVERTON, Deceased, Preston v. Preston, 1896, O. No. 1021, the following inquiry was directed, namely:—"An inquiry who were the persons (other than the testator's widow) entitled by virtue of or according to the Statute of Distribution to the personal estate of the said testator living at the time of his death, and whether any of them are since dead, and, if so, who are their respective legal personal representatives." Notice is hereby given, that any persons claiming to be interested, as above, are by their solicitors, on or before the 5th day of April, 1897, to come in and PROVE their CLAIMS, at the chambers of Mr. Justice Chitty, at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, England, or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said order. Monday, the 12th day of April, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.
Dated this 27th day of November, 1896.
GEO. A. CROWDER, Chief Clerk.
Note.—The said William Dades Overton, who died on the 29th day of July, 1893, resided at Swindon, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and was the son of James Wildy Overton and Ann Maria Phipps.
Radford and Frankland, 40 Chancery-lane, London, W.C., solicitors for the plaintiffs in the above action.

LECTURES, SERMONS, SOIREES, &c

ANNUAL MEETING of subscribers to CHINESE MISSION at Training Home, Little Bourke-st., to-night, at 8 p.m.

FORWARD MOVEMENT, Georgest., Fitzroy. —Evangelistic MEETING this evening. Professor Mudd, F.L.S., Mr. Allan conduct. Good music.

ORANGE LODGE No. 20 MEETS TO-NIGHT, Church England school, Port Melbourne. Presentations and address by W.M., 138.

MEETINGS.

AUSTRALASIAN PLATE-GLASS INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.
Notice.
The 54th HALF-YEARLY ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of shareholders in the abovenamed company will be held at the office, 58 Temple-court, Melbourne, 12 o'clock noon, THURSDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1897.
To receive report and balance-sheet, and elect directors and auditors.
GEO. T. WYLEIGH, Manager.
Melbourne, 29th December, 1896.

THE CASTLEMAINE BREWERY COMPANY (MELBOURNE) LIMITED.
Notice is hereby given, that the Twenty-fourth ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the above company will be held at Scott's Hotel, Collins-street west, Melbourne, on THURSDAY, the 21st day of JANUARY, 1897, at 3 o'clock p.m.
Business—General.
By order of the directors.
FREDERICK L. BOLGER, Secretary.

MINING MEETINGS.

KNEEBONE GOLD and TIN MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice.
The ADJOURNED MEETING of shareholders in the above company will be held at the Railway Hotel, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, on THURSDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1897, at 4 p.m.
EBENR. COX, Manager.
Tuckett-chambers, 350 Collins-street, Melbourne.

ROKEWOOD UNITED G.M. COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Rokewood.
Notice.—The HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of shareholders in the abovenamed company will be held at the registered office, 382 Collins-street, Melbourne, on WEDNESDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1897, at 11.30 a.m.
Transfer-books close on Monday, 11th January, at 4 o'clock.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.

THE BEGELHOLE WESTRALIA PROSPECTING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting.
Notice is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above company will be held at the registered office of the company, Broken Hill Chambers, 31 Queen-street, Melbourne, on FRIDAY, the 22nd day of JANUARY, 1897, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of transacting the following business:—
1. To pass the necessary resolutions to wind up the company voluntarily.
2. To appoint a liquidator and fix his remuneration.
By order of the board.
J. MOORE HICKSON, Manager.

THE EGERTON COMPANY LIMITED.
Notice.
The ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the company and of the shareholders therein is hereby convened to be holden on TUESDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1897, at quarter to 10 o'clock a.m., at the office of the company, 29 Lydiard-street, Ballarat.
Business:
To receive reports and financial statements.
To elect three directors for twelve months.
To elect two auditors for six months.
J. A. CHALK, Manager.

MINING NOTICES.

BARFOLD GOLD-MINING COMPANY N.L., Barfold, Victoria.
Notice is hereby given, that the directors have this day MADE a CALL (the second) of one penny per share, due and payable on or before Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the registered office of the company, 418 Collins-street.
JOHN C. IRVINE, Manager.

BEEHIVE EXTENDED GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice is hereby given, that a CALL (the 3rd) of 1d. per share has been MADE upon all the contributing shares in the company, due and payable to me, at the registered office of the company, 31 Queen-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 13th day of January, 1897.
HORATIO S. DICKSON, Manager.
31 Queen-street, Melbourne.
Full exchange must be added to all cheques drawn on country or intercolonial banks.

BEEHIVE EXTENDED GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice is hereby given, that all SHARES in the above company forfeited for non-payment of the 2nd call of 1d. per share, due the 9th day of December, 1896, will be SOLD by public auction, at the Stock Exchange, Melbourne, on Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1897, at 11.45 a.m., unless the said call be previously paid.
H. S. DICKSON, Manager.
31 Queen-street, Melbourne.

BLACK FLAG SOUTH GOLD-MINING CO. NO LIABILITY, Black Flag, W.A.
Notice is hereby given, that the first CALL of threepence per share has been MADE upon the unpaid capital of the company, and is payable on or before 13th January, 1897, at the company's registered office, 146 Ryrie-street, Geelong.
NEIL CAMPBELL, Legal Manager.
N.B.—Exchange must be added to cheque.

BENDIGO and COOLGARDIE PROPRIETARY COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice.
A CALL (the 21st) of sixpence per share on the capital of the above company has been MADE, due and payable at the company's office, City-chambers, Bendigo, on Wednesday, January 13, 1897.
J. HEMMING, Manager.

CORRYONG VIEW GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Corryong, Mount Elliott.
Notice is hereby given, that a CALL (the first) of threepence per share upon all the contributing shares in this company has been MADE, due and payable to the manager, at the registered office of the company, No. 154 Queen-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 13th day of January, 1897.
F. GEO. JOY, Manager.

CHALK'S NO. 3 AMALGAMATED GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Carisbrook.
Notice.
A CALL (the 10th) of 6d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, 42 and 43 Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
J. H. DILL, Manager.

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DARGO HIGH PLAINS PROPRIETARY GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Dargo.
Notice.
A CALL (the 2nd) of 3d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the abovenamed company, due and payable at the registered office, 382 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.

EXCHANGE GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Ballarat East.—Notice.—A CALL (the 2nd) of 1½d. per share has been MADE, due and payable at the company's office, 317 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897. S. L. Cawton, Manager.

GLENFINE ESTATE GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Pitfield.
Notice.
A CALL (the 1st) of sixpence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the registered office, 382 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.

GOLDEN DYKE GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice.
A CALL (the 7th) of 3d. per share has been MADE, payable at the office of the company, 5 Temple Court, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1897 (three halfpence whereof being for machinery purposes).
A. VAUDEAU, Manager.

GREAT SOUTHERN CONSOLS COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Rutherglen.
Notice.
A CALL (the 9th) of sixpence per share has been MADE on the capital of the abovenamed company, due and payable at the registered office, 382 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.

GREAT SOUTHERN JUNCTION COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Rutherglen.
Notice.
A CALL (11th) of threepence per share has been MADE on the shares of the abovenamed company, due and payable at the registered office, 382 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.

GREAT NORTHERN JUNCTION GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Rutherglen.—Notice.—A CALL (the 33rd) of 3d. per share has been MADE upon all contributing shares in the above company, due and payable at the company's office, 317 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897. John May, Manager.

GREAT BRITAIN GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.—Notice.—A CALL (the 62nd) of threepence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, View Point, Bendigo, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897. Christopher Moore, Manager.

GREAT EXTENDED VICTORIA COMPANY NO LIABILITY.—Notice.—A CALL (59th) of sixpence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897, at the office of the company, Albion-chambers, Bendigo. W. W. Barker, Manager.

HORWOOD'S FREEHOLD GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.—Notice.—A CALL (the 13th) of threepence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, View Point, Bendigo, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897. Christopher Moore, Manager.

MINING NOTICES.

KANGAROO HYDRAULIC CRUSHING AND G.M. COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice.
A CALL (the 15th) of 2d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, Victoria-chambers, Bendigo, on Wednesday, January 13, 1897.
S. H. M'GOWAN, Manager.

LONG GULLY QUARTZ-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Winter's Flat, Ballarat.
Notice.
A CALL (the 92nd) of 4d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, Baring-chambers, Market-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
E. W. SPAIN, Manager.

LONG TUNNEL G.M. COMPANY.
A DIVIDEND
(No. 255)
Of 20s. per share
Has been DECLARED,
Payable at the company's office, Walhalla, on the 11th inst., and at the Bank of Victoria, Melbourne and Sale, in course of post thereafter.
R. THOMSON, Manager.

NEW JORDAN GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
A CALL (the eleventh) of ten shillings per share has been MADE on the capital of the abovenamed company, payable to the manager, at the registered office, 317 Collins-street, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. W. COLES, Manager.

NEW NORTH PRINCE OF WALES COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice.
A CALL (the 12th) of 2d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, Victoria-chambers, Bendigo, on Wednesday, January 13, 1897.
S. H. M'GOWAN, Manager.

NEW SOUTH A1 GOLD-MINING COMPANY (RASPBERRY CREEK) NO LIABILITY.
Notice is hereby given, that a CALL (the 21st) of one half-penny per share has been MADE on the capital of this company, and is due and payable on or before 13th January, 1897, at the office of the company, 29 Queen-street, Melbourne.
ALFRED MELLOR, Manager.

NEW PIONEER GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Diamond Creek.—Notice.—A CALL (the 18th) of 2d. per share has been MADE upon all contributing shares in the above company, due and payable at the company's office, 317 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897. John May, Manager.

NORTH TROMPF'S COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Waterloo Flat.
A CALL (5th) of twopence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable to the manager, at the company's office, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
GEO. RUFFLE, Manager.
7 Camp-street, Ballarat, 6th January, 1897.

PEARL COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice.
A CALL (the 3rd) of 6d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, Victoria-chambers, Bendigo, on Wednesday, January 13, 1897.
S. H. M'GOWAN, Manager.

PRINCESS DAGMAR GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice.
A CALL (the 25th) of sixpence per share on the capital of the above company has been MADE, due and payable at the company's office, City-chambers, Bendigo, on Wednesday, January 13, 1897.
J. HEMMING, Manager.

ROKEWOOD UNITED GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Rokewood.
Notice.
A CALL (the 17th) of fourpence per share has been MADE on the capital of the abovenamed company, due and payable at the registered office, 382 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.

SIR JOHN FRANKLIN GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Wood's Point.
Notice is hereby given, that a CALL (the 3rd) of 3d. per share has been MADE upon all the contributing shares in the company, due and payable to me, at the registered office of the company, Broken Hill Chambers, 31 Queen-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
J. PRINCE CAMERON (Mendell and Cameron), Manager.
5th January, 1897.

SOUTH LOCH FYNE GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Matlock.
Notice.
A CALL (the 16th) of ½d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the abovenamed company, due and payable at the registered office, 382 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.

SOUTH RUSSELL'S GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
A CALL (the 35th) of 1d. per share has been MADE, due and payable to the legal manager, at the registered office of the company, 352 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
JOHN BARKER, Legal Manager.

THE BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY BLOCK 10 COMPANY LIMITED.
Notice of Dividend.
Notice is hereby given, that a DIVIDEND (the 47th) of 1/- per share (£5000) has been DECLARED, payable on Wednesday, the 20th day of January, 1897, at the registered office of the company, 29 Queen-street, Melbourne, and the office of the company in London at Finsbury-house, Blomfield-street, London Wall, London, E.C. Also at the Union Bank of Australia Limited in Adelaide, Sydney, Broken Hill, Port Pirie, and Hobart.
Transfer-books close simultaneously in Melbourne and London on Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1897, closing in Melbourne at 3 p.m. Dividends payable from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
By order of the board.
JOHN BRANDON, Secretary.
29 Queen-street, Melbourne, 23rd December, 1896.

THE MALLACOOTA PROPRIETARY GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Mallacoota.
Notice.
All SHARES on which the 4th call of twopence per share remains unpaid will be SOLD by public auction on Saturday, 16th January, 1897, at 12 o'clock p.m., at Beasilly, Macarthur, and Co.'s rooms, Bairnsdale. Progressive numbers from 1 to 20,000, with the exception of those previously paid on.
By order of the directors.
A. S. MORRISON, Manager.
Bailey-street, Bairnsdale.

THE MALLACOOTA PROPRIETARY GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
A CALL (the 5th) of twopence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the registered office, Bailey-street, Bairnsdale, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. S. MORRISON, Manager.

THE DEREEL GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Notice of Call.
Notice is hereby given, that a CALL (the third) of threepence per share has been MADE on the uncalled capital of the company, due and payable to the undersigned, at the registered office of the company, Broken Hill Chambers, 31 Queen-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 13th day of January, 1897.
By order of the board.
J. MOORE HICKSON, Manager.

THE NEW SOUTH A1 GOLD-MINING COMPANY (RASPBERRY CREEK) NO LIABILITY.
Notice is hereby given, that all SHARES in this company upon which the 20th call of one halfpenny per share remains unpaid are forfeited under the act, and will be SOLD by auction, on Saturday, the 16th January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, at the office of Bellin and Duncan, Broken Hill Chambers, Queen-street, unless previously redeemed.
ALFRED MELLOR, Manager.

THE SPRING HILL and CENTRAL LEADS GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.
Kingston.
Notice.
A CALL (the 45th) of 6d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, 42 and 43 Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
J. H. DILL, Manager.

THE NEW GARDEN REEF COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Mounambel.
Notice.
A CALL (the 17th) of threepence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable on Wednesday, January 13, 1897, at the office of the company, Craig's-buildings, Bath-street, Ballarat.
WM. JACKSON, Manager.

THE BLACK HORSE UNITED COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Egerton.
Notice.
A CALL (the 21st) of 6d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable on Wednesday, January 13, 1897, at the office of the company, Craig's-buildings, Bath-street, Ballarat.
WM. JACKSON, Manager.

THE HANOVER G.M. COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Steiglitz.
A CALL (the 28th) of twopence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable on Wednesday, January 13, 1897, at the office of the company, Craig's-buildings, Bath-street, Ballarat.
WM. JACKSON, Manager.

THE NEW KOH-I-NOOR QUARTZ MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Ballarat.
Notice.
A CALL (the 47th) of 6d. per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, 42 and 43 Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
J. H. DILL, Manager.

THE CATALPA CUE GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Cue, Western Australia.
Notice is hereby given, that the REGISTERED OFFICE of the company is situated at Broken Hill Chambers, 31 Queen-street, Melbourne, and that James Prince Cameron has been appointed manager.
ROBT. GAMLIN } Directors.
ANDREW AGNEW }
J. PRINCE CAMERON, Manager.
Broken Hill Chambers, 31 Queen-street, Melbourne, 5th January, 1897.

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UNITED WHIP and JERSEY MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY.—Notice.—A CALL (the 29th) of sixpence per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable at the company's office, View Point, Bendigo, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897. Christopher Moore, Manager.

WOADY YALLOCK GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Pitfield Plains.
Notice.
A CALL (the 10th) of one penny per share has been MADE on the capital of the company, due and payable on Wednesday, 13th day of January, 1897, at the office of the company.
E. A. LESTER, Manager.

WEST BERRY CONSOLS GOLD-MINING COMPANY NO LIABILITY, Creswick.
Notice.
A CALL (the 17th) of threepence per share has been MADE on the capital of the abovenamed company, due and payable at the registered office, 382 Collins-street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, 13th January, 1897.
A. J. PEACOCK, Manager.

STOCKS AND SHARES

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MAN AND WIFE.

A respectably-dressed woman, named Minnie Ruskin, appeared at the City Police Court on Tuesday, to answer a charge of shoplifting. She was remanded to Richmond, where the alleged offence was committed, and was allowed out on bail. Yesterday she was again before the court, at the instigation of her husband, who had become bail for her, but who wished to be released from his obligation, as he was afraid she was going to abscond. He said that when she was allowed out on bail he asked her to come home with him, but she declined, and said she would please herself whether she went home or not, or whether she appeared or not. He acquainted the police with this, and she was re-arrested. He said he was sorry to see her in that position.
Accused (scornfully).—You mean that you're very pleased, Tom. (Addressing the Bench.)—Your worships, he wanted to go to the bank and draw out my money for the bail, in order that he might get it, but I wouldn't give him the book, and he has turned on me.
Mr. Panton, P.M.—As your husband has withdrawn from his bail bond, you will have to get another surety.
As accused was being led out she cried, "He ought to be punished for perjury, your worships."

LOOTING UNTENANTED HOUSES.

George Calverson, an elderly man, was charged at the South Melbourne court yesterday, before Messrs. Glover, Nicholson, and Dr. Owen, J.P.'s, with stealing two windows from an unoccupied house at the corner of Normanby-road and Montague-street. The accused went to the house mentioned on the previous morning, and detached two small windows valued at £1, from their positions, and walked away with them, but was stopped and given into custody. Mr. Richard Tope, agent for the owner of the house, said there was another window missing. He also stated that nearly all the windows of the empty houses about Montague-street had been broken, and that great depredations had been committed on such houses by evil-disposed persons. Mr. Glover said the Bench must try and stop such acts as the prisoner had been guilty of. Nobody's property in the district was safe. Apparently there were people continually going about taking possession of everything they could remove from houses. The sentence was three months' imprisonment.

THE NEW HEBRIDES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—Where was French and British trade on the New Hebrides nearly forty-two years ago, when Dr. Paton and his fellow-labourers entered that group with the teaching of Jesus Christ, which is the only real civiliser of man wherever found, and when the savages murdered five, I may say six, missionaries, and a number of native teachers? There was no real commerce there till by the elevating civilising power of the Gospel life and property were rendered comparatively safe, and the trader then followed in our wake to reap his advantages as now enjoyed there. And what is it that has led all the islanders so often to plead for British protection and annexation but the blessings they have received by the teaching of us missionaries? Though I am misrepresented as an enemy to traders and their interests because in native interests I have condemned their evils, yet I believe there is no man living who has on the platform, in the press, and by pamphlets more decidedly condemned the injustice done to British traders and British commerce by other traders being allowed to use what by a just and humane British law they are forbidden to use in bartering or trading with the islanders. To get this prohibition applied to traders of all nationalities I have often appealed to our Australian Governments, to our chambers of commerce, to the public through the press, Mr. Gladstone when Prime Minister, his successor in office, to two Colonial Secretaries in succession in Great Britain, and when it was made known that if America would join Britain in this international prohibition France had said she also would join it. My church sent me to America to see if anything could be done to lead America to join it, and so secure France's co-operation in it. The help of the Lord's servants in America enabled me to lay this grievance before many thousands in America, and publicly and privately before President Harrison and Secretary Foster, two just, sympathetic Presbyterian elders, and many Senators and Congressmen. They were ready to join Britain at once in the interests of humanity in this prohibition, and did all possible to hasten its consummation. But when the conditions of the prohibition came to America a new clause was inserted, proposing that under certain circumstances one of the contracting powers should be given power to license traders to sell intoxicating drinks. The good President and his Chief Secretary agreed to draw their pen through this clause, and returned it, saying if retained it would destroy the intention and spirit of the act, and if left out America would sign it at once. They wrote again and again, but it was not returned till their terms of office had expired. I had then to wait, and kept addressing meetings in America, till President Cleveland had all his official arrangements in working order, and had to go through the whole again. Being also a good Presbyterian, I found him as sympathetic as the others, and in the interests of humanity ready to join the prohibition, but no reply came from Britain. Having by the Divine blessing so secured the co-operation of America's United States, I went to England, and, accompanied by a number of the most influential members of Parliament who take an interest in such matters, I had a long interview with the Colonial Secretary, who was also in sympathy with us in this; but as France and Russia had withdrawn, and refused to sign it after America had agreed to sign it, negotiations were suspended. Ever since I have pleaded that an appeal should be made to France's honour by Britain, moved by Australia, to unite with Britain in prohibiting her traders from trading with the natives of the New Hebrides and unannexed Western Pacific islands in intoxicating drinks and firearms, and as she does so in New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands, surely consistency in the interests of humanity would lead her to do so. Had our efforts in America and Britain been backed and followed up as they should have been by Australasia, I believe all traders there would have been on an equality long ago, but our colonies seem to have sunk into utter indifference as to who may annex the New Hebrides Islands, though if in British hands they would be rich gardens of tropical wealth for Australia for ages to come.

I hope the day will never come when noble Britain, if she cannot raise others to do what is right and honourable to men and before God, will for a paltry increase of commerce descend to their course in doing evil. Can any sane person believe that the evils complained of would be removed by giving our traders permission to sell rifles and ammunition to the natives on the islands? Certainly two bads will never make a good. Everyone knows that a rifle is a dangerous weapon at all times in the hands of irresponsible savages, and much more so when they are maddened with intoxicating drink, "the white man's firewater." I have just had a letter from one of our recently appointed missionaries who, when with a teacher passing through a strange village, was surrounded by the savages with loaded rifles. They thought they were traders who had sold rifles and ammunition to their enemies, who made war upon them, and they were going to shoot them in revenge, but as they had no revolvers, as traders usually have, the teacher got them convinced they were missionaries, who never sold balls, powder, or rifles to any; when the natives became friendly, the rifles were laid aside, and they were allowed to go on. Even now the number of lives taken on the New Hebrides is appalling among natives. And lately three white traders drinking on Tama went out to shoot. One trader was shot, and the other two left his body in the bush till found by natives. Because others supply the means to commit murders, are we to do so also?

Again, the kanaka traffic from our islands has laid thousands in their graves at our colonial sugar plantations, and it continues depopulating the islands, but the inter-island traffic is a hundred times worse. No doubt there are some traders who treat them kindly—I know of some—but with the mass, while they have them, it is tyranny or slavery. They are entirely at the mercy of the trader. When there last, at Mele, Efate, I was looking at them loading bananas, when a white trader got into his boat, and for no apparent reason, but seemingly an act of brutal cruelty, on entering his boat he gave a number of savage blows on the head to a dressed islander at the rudder, while the poor native knew the consequences of resistance, and sat dumb till the white savage stopped, and though surrounded by traders none interfered. Should such traders have natives at their mercy, where there is no restraining power?

Along with several missionaries I also saw natives in small gangs staggering under heavy loads of bananas which white men would not have carried, and slender native women carrying a big bunch on each shoulder when one of them was a heavy load for them, and these they had to carry over half-a-mile for shipment. Some, exhausted, were sitting beside their loads till someone helped them on with them again; and the same thing takes place in every shipment. It is also reported that some beat and use them cruelly like the one we saw. We also saw a number of degraded-looking white traders and natives around a low grog-shop quite near there on the mainland off Mele, where they were shipping the bananas—advanced civilisation, of course!

Your correspondent "X." who wrote what he was ashamed to sign, quite in his own style, proposes a private or secret meeting—to try and remedy these evils? No! but into them. Britain and British traders rifle and cartridges the party who gives a the murder he is a native no blame in commit by it?

Publicly and privately with those in power I have often pleaded that the Australian Governments should subsidise the Australian Company, and legitimately help it all we can without sacrificing more important interests. And if it has to be so, I am not ashamed to stand alone in opposing the above-mentioned evils, nor even to be misrepresented in doing so, as Britain in some of them, also stands alone to her honour. Australia has a voice, and it should now be heard, not in private meetings, but by bold public agitation and petitions to Britain, for the question of annexation must be settled by Britain and France; and if Australasia in a strong national protest does not act now I fear she will regret her indifference when too late.—I am, &c., JOHN G. PATON.
Jan. 6.

ALLEGED FORGERY.

Lieutenant Alfred W. Johnston, of the Victorian forces, who was arrested on Tuesday on two charges of forgery and uttering, appeared at the City Police Court yesterday. A remand until the 13th inst. was asked for by the police, and granted. Accused was allowed out on bail. It was wrongly stated yesterday in "The Argus" that Johnston was attached to the Harbour Trust battery of Garrison Artillery. It should have been the North Melbourne battery. The correction is the more necessary in that there is an officer of very nearly the same name connected with the Harbour Trust battery, in Lieutenant John Johnston, who lately went to England on leave, and is now returning to Victoria.

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MELBOURNE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6.

THE MILLS.

The demand for flour has become weaker since business was resumed this week, and the association rate for flour is now £14 for roller. Bran has been in better demand to-day at 10d. to 10½d. Oatmeal has been reduced to £18. Quotations are:—Flour, roller, £14; stone, £13/10/; bran, 10d. to 10½d.; pollard, 11d. to 11½d.; oatmeal, £18.

RETAIL MARKETS.

The retail business in butchers' meat is quiet at about late rates. The Christmas demand for poultry has now ceased, and the extreme prices that were lately realised for birds in prime condition are not now obtainable. Butter and eggs are likewise easier. The general prices are:—Pork, 3d. to 6d. per lb.; mutton, 1½d. to 4d. do.; beef, 3d. to 6d. do. Poultry—Fowls, 3/6 to 6/ per pair; ducks, 3/6 to 6/ do.; geese, 5/ to 8/ do.; turkeys, 8/ to 22/ do. Dairy Produce—Cheese, 6d. to 11d. per lb.; eggs, 10d. to 1/ per dozen; butter, 8d. to 1/ per lb.; bread, 7d. to 8d. per 4lb. loaf; honey, 4d. to 6d. per lb.; milk, 4d. to 5d. per quart; ham, 8d. to 1/ per lb.; bacon, 6d. to 9½d. do.

WOOD AND COAL.

There has been a brisk demand for coal this week owing to fears of probable scarcity through the strike. Wood is quiet, with little doing. The general quotations are:—Coal, screened, delivered in town, 18/6; engine do., 16/6; small do., 14/6; brown do., 12/6. Wood, per Load—Box blocks, 9½d. per cwt.; split box, 10½d. do.; 2 tons 1ft. split redgum, 24/; 2 tons 1ft. box, 25/; 2 tons measurement, mixed 1ft. blocks, 18/; 2 tons measurement, 2ft. mixed do., 16/.

WHOLESALE POTATO MARKET.

Glasford, Cook, and Co. Limited report:—"Since our last report of 30th ult. this market is slightly firmer. We quote to-day for roses and kidneys, £6; onions, £4."

FISH MARKET.

Supply:—Fish, 258 baskets; crayfish, 34½ dozen; Murray cod and perch, 6 baskets; hares, 2½ brace; wildfowl, 1,114 brace; rabbits, 1,083 pairs. Prices:—Bream, 7/ to 12/ per basket; garfish, 10/6 to 15/ do.; mullet, 4/ to 6/ do.; pike, 7/6 to 14/ do.; salmon, 3/ to 4/6 do.; silver fish, 3/ to 5/ do.; trout, 3/ to 5/ do.; crayfish, 3/ to 8/ per dozen; flounders, 4/ to 10/ do.; smoked fish, 1/6 to 5/ do.; eels, 3d. per lb.; Murray cod and perch, 6d. per lb.; smoked fish, 4d. to 7d. per lb.; yellowtail, 1/ to 1/6 each; oysters, 20/ to 35/ per bag; prawns, 2/6 per gallon; hares, 2/ to 2/6 per brace; wildfowl, 3d. to 2/8 per brace; rabbits, 4/ to 9/ per dozen pairs.

METROPOLITAN MEAT MARKET.

Messrs. W. Reynolds and Son report prices as follow:—Beef.—Prime bodies, 18/ per 100lb.; medium, 16/ to 17/; prime forequarters, 11/ to 12/; medium, 10/; prime hindquarters, 24/; medium, 21/ to 22/. Sheep.—Prime wethers, 1½d. per lb.; medium, 1¼d.; prime ewes, 1½d.; medium, 1¼d. Lambs.—Prime, 5/6 to 6/ each; medium, 4/6 to 5/. Veal.—Prime large vealers, 1¾d. per lb.; medium, 1½d.; prime small vealers, 2d.; medium, 1½d.; small, 1d. to 1½d. Pork.—Prime small porkers, 4d. to 4½d. per lb.; medium, 3½d.; prime large pigs (from 80lb. to 100lb.), 4d.; medium, 3½d.; bacon pigs, 3d. to 3½d."

FRUIT MARKET.

Messrs. M'Clure, Valentine, and Co. report having held their usual sales of fruit, at their rooms, Tavistock-place, for week ending January 6, 1897:—"The market for all fruits is much firmer this week, apricots in particular, and prices higher accordingly. The first grapes of the season came to hand and realised:—On Account of Mr. John Cullen—Early Malingas, cases, 6/, 7/3, to 7/9; half-cases, 3/9. On Account of Mr. A. Dunn—Half-cases, 4/9. Other growers, 5/9, 6/3, 6/6, to 7/. Peaches.—On Account Mr. H. Levinge—E. Rivers, 12/, 13/, 13/9, cases, trays. On Account T. L. Sergeant—6/, 7/3. Other growers—Briggs's Red May, 8/, 9/3, 10/; E. Rivers, 9/, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6. Apricots.—On Account J. Brunning, Moorpark, 6/3. Other growers—Moorpark, 6/, 5/6, to 4/3; Mansfield Seedling, 4/6, 5/, 6/3; Green Figs, 9/3, 9/9, 10/. Cherries.—On Account Mr. H. J. Kinkead—Margarets, 10/3, cases; E. Hopton, do., 11/6, 12/6, 12/9, cases. Other growers—Flounce, 7/6, 8/, 9/6, 10/; Black Biggereau, 10/, 10/9; late Purple Guigne, 6/, 6/9. Plums.—E. Orleans, 3/, 3/6, 4/; Genttenian, 3/9; Cherry Plums, 3/9, 4/3; Centennial, 4/. Apples.—Dutch Mignon, 4/, 4/6; Afriston, 4/, 4/3, 4/9. Strawberries, 9d., 1/2, 1/3 per lb.; raspberries, 3d., 3½d. per lb.; Cape gooseberries, 2d., 2½d. per lb.; gooseberries, 5/ case; Japanese wine berry, 3d., 2½d. lb.; green peas, 12/ per 100lb.; French beans, 2d., 2½d. per lb."

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET.

There was a heavy supply of garden produce for a mid weekly market this morning, and the absence of large buyers caused a good reduction in the prices. French beans were a drug, and new potatoes were also much lower. In fruits raspberries were higher, but most other lines were as last reported. The following were the ruling rates:—Asparagus, 6d. to 1/6 per 100; beans, kidney (imported), 2/6 to 4/ per 100lb.; do. (local), 8/ to 10/ do.; beet, 6d. per dozen; bouquets, 3/ to 8/ do.; cabbages, 1/ to 2/ do.; carrots, 6d. to 9d. per dozen bunches; cress, curled, 4d. do.; do., water, 4d. do.; cucumbers, prickly, 6d. to 1/ per dozen; do., long spine, 1/6 to 2/ do.; garlic, 4d. to 6d. per lb.; horseradish, 6d. to 1/ per bundle; lettuce, 4d. to 1/ per dozen; marjoram, 4d. to 6d. per dozen bunches; mint, 4d. do.; onions, dried, 4/ to 4/6 per cwt.; do., green, 3d. to 4d. per dozen bunches; parsley, 6d. do.; parsnips, 6d. to 10d. do.; peas, 6/ to 10/ per 100lb.; potatoes, kidney, 5/ to 5/6 per cwt.; pumpkins, 1/6 to 2/6 per dozen; radish, 4d. per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 6d. to 9d. do.; sage, 4d. to 6d. do.; spinach, 8d. to 10d. do.; thyme, 4d. to 6d. do.; turnips, 6d. to 9d. do.; tomatoes, 5/ to 8/ per case; vegetable marrows, 1/ to 2/ per dozen. Fruits.—Almonds, green, 2/6 to 3/ per half-case; apples, 1/6 to 3/6 per case; apricots, 1d. to 3d. per lb.; cherries, 1½d. to 2½d. do.; currants, black, 3d. do.; do., red, 2½d. do.; do., white, 3d. do.; figs, 3/ to 4/ per half-case; gooseberries, ripe, 1½d. to 2d. per lb.; oranges, 10/ to 12/ per case; lemons, Italian, 8d. to 9d. per dozen; mulberries, 2d. to 3d. per lb.; nectarines, 3/ to 3/6 per half-case; peaches, 2d. to 5d. per lb.; pears, dessert, 2/6 to 3/6 per case; plums, 3/ to 4/6 do.; raspberries, 3½d. to 5d. per lb.; strawberries, 4d. to 8d. do. Dairy Produce.—Butter, 8d. to 1/ per lb.; cheese, 4d. to 8d. do.; pork, 3½d. to 5d. do.; hams, 7d. to 9d. do.; bacon, 5d. to 7d. do.; honey, 4d. to 5d. do.; eggs, 1od. to 1/ per dozen; ducks, 4/ to 5/ per pair; geese, 5/ to 8/ do.; hens, 3/6 to 4/6 do.; turkeys, 8/ to 18/ do.; rabbits, 4d. to 8d. do.

LIVE STOCK.

FAT CATTLE.

1,579 yarded, comprising 150 from New South Wales, 559 from North-Eastern and Goulburn Valley districts, 306 from Gippsland, 206 from the Westward, and the remainder principally from local paddocks, consisting chiefly of middling descriptions, with a moderate proportion good and prime. There was a fair attendance of buyers, and competition was much more evenly sustained than in the last market of the year, though no material change was noticeable until towards the close of the day, when good and prime pens realised improved rates. Quotations:—Prime pens of bullocks, from £8/5/ to £9; extra do., from £9 15/ to £10 12/6; good pens of bullocks, from £6 15/ to £7 15/; middling do., from £5 to £6; inferior do., from £2 15/; prime pens of cows, from £5/5/ to £6 5/; good do., from £4/5/ to £4 15/; others, from £3. The following are the approximate averages of the principal lines:—

	£	s.	d.
M'Millan, Caldermeade, 19 bullocks	10	3	0
Watt and Sons, Leongatha, 9 bullocks	9	2	0
Campbell Bros., Traralgon-park, 19 bullocks	8	15	0
Little, Benalla, 5 bullocks	8	15	0
French, Winton, 4 bullocks	8	15	0
Glenn, Tylden, 16 bullocks	8	15	0
Buchanan, Tallangatta, 18 bullocks	8	12	6
Thomson, Keilambete, 27 bullocks	8	12	6
Do., do., 29 cows	5	5	0
Bailey and Wynne, Terricallum, 30 bullocks	8	5	0
Winter-Irving, Noorilim, 27 bullocks	8	5	0
Airley Estate, Gippsland, 16 bullocks	8	5	0
Bowman, The Ridge, 18 bullocks	8	0	0
M'Intosh and Co., Mayfield, 37 bullocks	8	0	0
Stratford, 18 bullocks	7	15	0
Shaw, Beechworth, 19 bullocks	7	13	3
M'Rae, Whanregarwan, 19 bullocks	7	12	9
Gowling, Kergunyah, 10 bullocks	7	12	6
Love, Tinamba, 36 bullocks	7	12	0
Hawkesview Station, N.S.W., 50 bullocks	6	18	0
M'Cracken, Cumberland, 56 bullocks	6	12	0
Ricketson, Delatite, 11 cows	5	12	6

Powers, Rutherford, and Co. sold:—Bullocks—49, Albert Miller, Broadlands; 27, M. M'Garry, Wagga; 20, M. Mulqueeney, Wodonga; 18, R. Buchanan, Tallangatta, to £9, averaging £8/12/6; 18, Stratford, to £8, averaging £7/15/; 11, Wahgunyah; 21, Frietag, Woodlands, at £9; 10, T. T. Mulder, The Cherry Tree; 10, C. Woodhouse, Cowwarr, £5/13/6; 10, J. Murphy, Tamleugh, at £5; 16, G. Peeln, Macorna North; 18, J. W. Bowman, The Ridge, at £8 12/6; 10, John Mills, Powerscourt, to £7 10/, averaging £7 5/6; 10, P. Brennan, Woodside, at £7 7/6; 10, J. H. Edwards, Burke-park, at £6 17/6; 8, W. A. Bon, Wappan, at £7; 7, R. Donaldson, Woodfield, at £7; 6, J. H. Graves, M.L.A., Faithfull's Creek, at £5; 5, Jos. Hutchinson, Woodlands, £5/10/; 5, W. H. Lyon, Somerton-park; 3, Tallygaroopna; 2, E. L. Simpson, Barchus Marsh; 1, C. O'Connell, Macorna North; 1, Jones, Wodonga. Cows—12, P. Brennan, Woodside; 11, H. Ricketson, Delatite, at £5 12/6; 9, Tallygaroopna; 8, John Hutchinson, Boroddomanan; 7, Jos. Hutchinson, Woodlands, £4; 5, J. H. Graves, M.L.A., Faithfull's Creek; 3, W. A. Bon, Wappan, at £4 5/; 3, E. L. Simpson, Bacchus Marsh; 2, R. Donaldson, Woodfield, £4 2/6; 2, J. Hutchinson, jun., Woodlands; 1, W. H. Lyon, Somerton-park.

J. M. Peck and Son sold:—Bullocks—56, A. M'Cracken, Cumberland, to £8/12/6, averaging £6/12/; 13, C. Wemyss, Yarrawonga; 10, Mrs. Neilson, Meadowlea, Gippsland, at £7/2/6; 10, Sutherland and Sutherland, Tindogbong, to £7/17/6, averaging £6/11/; 10, Wm. Beaty, Buttle-park, at £6 10/; 10, F. Burge, Gobur, to £6/2/6; 8, Chas. Hamilton, Molesworth, to £6/17/6; 8, Wm. Beatty, Wickandandah, at £7/5/. Cows—12, D. Manson, Summerlee, Gippsland, to £5; 8, R. Crapin, Chintin; 4, T. Lowrie, Pascoevale; 4, Turnet, Marang; 3, Burge, Hamilton, and Wemyss.

Pearson, Rowe, Smith, and Co. sold:—Bullocks—37, W. M'Intosh and Co., Mayfield, to £9 2/6, averaging £8 5/; M. M'Garry and Co., Wagga; 20, Mrs. Rowe, Byrneside, to £7/2/6, averaging £6/7/6; 19, C. A. M'Kenzie, Worrough, to £8 10/, averaging £6 10/7; 11, Young, Walker, Woodhurst; 11, Seymour; 10, Moyang; 10, S. Williams, Bundalong; 9, J. W. Bowman, The Ridge, at £7/7/6; 4, W. S. Turner, Whittlesea; 2, W. S. Ross, Yarram, to £7/5/; 2, Jas. Ferguson, Yarram; 2, W. Wayers, Grandview; 1, P. Brennan, Woodside; 1, J. H. Brain, Alberton; 1, J. Love, Tullamarine. Cows—11, P. Brennan, Woodside; 10, Mrs. Bedman, Trenton Valley; 3, W. Sayers, Grandview; 3, Albert Clarke, Glenara; 8, Deep Creek; 6, J. H. Brain, Alberton, at £4/5/; 5, Gregory Bird, Hedley, to £3/17/6; 1, Jas. Ferguson, Yarram; 1, W. Ivy; 1, S. Turner, Whittlesea; 2, G. Jeffs, Won Wron, at £3/7/6; 2, A. M'Aninley, Yarram, at £3/5/; 1, Mrs. Rowe, Byrneside, £5/5/; 1, J. W. Moore, Toolamba; 1, J. E. Coulthard, Yarram, £4/10/; 1, J. Love, Tullamarine; 1, Werribee.

Francis Ross and Co. sold:—18, M. Shanahan, Woodlands, Myrniong; 11, Ballan; 11, Nyora; 11, Leongatha; 7, Longwood; 4, R. Bullen, Flemington.

Ryan, Hammond, and Mann sold:—36, Jas. Lyon, Tinamba-park, to £7/15/, averaging £7/12/; 19, W. Williams, Bremith; 5, Thos. Haynes, Spring Creek; 9, Wodonga; 5, Thos. Haynes, Spring Creek; 1, Wodonga.

Edward Trenchard and Co. sold:—20, Nicholas Cooke, Pyalong; 19, Alexander M'Millan, Caldermeade, to £10/12/6, averaging £10/3/2; 17, trustees late H. Richardson, old Barnawartha, to £7 12/6, averaging £7/7/9; 18, S. Shaw, Beechworth, to £8/2/6, averaging £7/13/3; 18, T. T. Mulder, The Cherry Tree, to £7/5/, averaging £6 15/7; 16, T. Pearce, Dean; 11, R. Lidgett, Myrniong; 10, Campbell Bros., Traralgon-park, at £8 15/; 10, Campbell Bros., Riddell's Creek, at £6 5/; 10, Joseph Bowling, Kergunyah, at £7/12/6; 10, William Webb, Springvale, to £7/10/, averaging £6/6/9; 10, James Hall, Lindenow, to £7/5/, averaging £7/3/; 11, Alexander Sloane, Mulwala Station, New South Wales, to £7/7/6, averaging £6/10/9; 10, Sutherland and Sutherland, Tindogbong, to £7/4/, averaging £7; 10, Duncan M'Rae, Whanregarwan Estate, to £7/15/, averaging £7 12/9; 10, A. Bland, Yarram Yarram, to £8/3/, averaging £5/11/; 9, R. M'Coy, Kotupna; 2, R. E. Hawley, Cowwarr; 1, W. T. Parker, Cowwarr. Cows—8, David Cowan, St. Ninians; 6, Wm. Allen, Cowwarr; 3, Robert Lidgett, Myrniong; 2, Nicholas Cooke, Pyalong; 1, R. M'Coy, Kotupna; 1, R. E. Hawley, Cowwarr.

Abbott and Wilson sold 10, W. Anderson, Ghin Ghin; 1, Lilydale.

Adamson, Strettle, and Co. sold:—Bullocks—10, A. Sinclair, Tarwin. Cows—1, same owner; 2, Deep Creek; 2, R. Dowling, Braybrook.

Ettershank, Eaglestone, and Mann sold:—37, executors late John Thomson, Keilambete, to £10/15/, averaging £8/5/9; 36, Bailey and Wynne, Terricallum, to £8/18/6, averaging £8/5/3; 27, Coladen; 10, English Bros., Appin; 9, John Powell, Haughtonvale; 4, Camperdown; 2, E. Lee, sen., Narrapoort; 1, D. M'Donald, Werna. Cows—20, executors late John Thomson, Keilambete, to £6/5/, averaging £5/5/6; 10, D. M'Donald, Werna; 6, Camberdown; 3, E. Lee, sen., Narrapoort; 1, J. P. Neyland, Corack.

Fisken, Valentine, and Co. sold:—Bullocks—27, O. F. Armytage, Ingleby; 10, A. W. Rowell, Pyalong-park. Cows—8, G. Wines, Pyalong; 3, A. W. Rowell, Pyalong-park.

Geo. Howat sold:—9, Colin A. Watt and Sons, Leongatha, to £9/17/6, averaging £9/2/; 9, Wm. Anderson, Ghin Ghin, to £8/10/, averaging £7/2/6; 12, Broadmeadows; 11, executors late W. S. Cox, Lightwood-park, Lang Lang.

Wm. Hudson and Co. sold bullocks, 10, Ernest Ricardo, Mount Vernon, Leongatha, to £8, averaging £7.

W. G. Hutton sold:—36 bullocks, D. M'Clure, Karimba, to £6/17/6, averaging £6/9/; 20, Wm. Ellis, Brymbo, Bethanga; 14, Airley Estate, Gippsland, to £8/12/6, averaging £8/2/; 11, J. Nicol, Parkside, Gippsland, at £6/17/6; 3, H. Parsons, High Stump Farm, Howe's Creek; 13 cows, Chas. Dudley, Shepparton; 5, H. Parsons, Howe's Creek.

Arthur S. King sold:—Bullocks—50, Hawkesview Station, New South Wales, to £7/17/6, averaging £6/18/; 21, E. Little, Benalla; 10, John Glenn, Tylden, to £10/12/6, averaging £8/12/8; 11, Mrs. Rourke, Leawood-park, Flynn's Creek; 10, John M'Donald, Albury, New South Wales; 9, E. Hagan, Langola, Sale; 8, John O'Rourke, Thornton; 6, Jas. Standish, jun., Benalla; 5, Geo. Little, Benalla, at £8/15/; 4, J. French, Winton, at £8/15/. Cows—13, Edwd. Snell, Rosedale; 11, Willis Little, Benalla; 4, Jas. Standish, jun., Benalla; 4, Chas. Gidney, Rockbank; 2, John Glenn, Tylden, £6/7/6; 3, John O'Rourke, Thornton; 1, J. French, Winton.

A. M'Lean and Co. sold:—Bullocks—10, W. Moore, Toolamba, to £7/10/, averaging £7/6/6; 10, J. Nicol, Parkside, to £7/5/, averaging £7/3/6; 24, J. Gilfedder, Mirboo; 10, Avondale, to £8.

M'Phail Bros. and Co. sold:—9, £8/8/; 8, R. R. George, North Essendon; 6, F. E. Newnham, Karramomus North; 5, Poustie, Arcadia; 3, R. H. Dagdale, Springfield, Myrniong; 1, R. Walsh, Williamstown.

Theo. H. Parker and Co. sold:—Bullocks—27, W. J. Winter-Irving, Noorilim, to £8/15/, averaging £8/3/9; 20, M. Breen, Tatura; 11, D. Ryan, Benalla; 10, N. de Laney, Wahring; 9, A. Park, Nagambie; 6, W. Little, Benalla; 6, John Beatty, sen., Toolern; 8, Thos. Griffiths, Benalla; 3, Thos. Connell, Whorouly; 1, Wodonga. Cows—11, Thos. Prowd, Bonnie Doon; 10, Wodonga; 8, Thos. Connell, Whorouly; 7, D. Macdonald, Picola; 5, W. Little, Benalla; 6, John Beaty, sen., Toolern; 4, A. Thomson, Toolern; 3, Sunbury; 2, Thos. Griffiths, Benalla; 1, Toolern; 1, Levi Cox, Nagambie.

FAT CALVES.

180 were penned. The demand was brisk, especially for prime quality, at slightly improved rates. Quotations:—Prime steers and heifers, from 55s. to 65s.; prime calves, from 45s. to 55s.; prime small calves, from 30s. to 40s.; others, from 15s. to 25s.

Powers, Rutherford, and Co. sold:—5, J. Hutchinson, jun., Woodlands, £2 2s.; 5, Tallygaroopna; 2, R. Donaldson, Woodfield; 1, J. Murphy, Tamleugh; 1, Freitag, Woodlands.

Theo. H. Parker and Co. sold:—6, D. M'Donald, Picola; 5, Sunbury.

Edward Trenchard and Co. sold:—17, J. Cruise, Nathalia; 5, F. A. Devonshire, Yarram Yarram; 4, David Cowan, St. Ninians; 2, W. T. Parker, Cowwarr; 2, Nicholas Cooke, Pyalong; 1, R. E. Hawley, Cowwarr, to £2.

W. G. Hutton sold:—6, Hy. Parsons, Howe's Creek, to £2 13s., averaging £2 3s.; 2, Wm. Ellis, Brymbo, Bethanga, at £2 4s. and £1 13s. respectively.

Geo. Howat sold 12, Truganina.

Arthur S. King sold:—10, E. Hagan, Langola, Sale; 3, Edward Snell, Rosedale; 3, Jas. Standish, jun., Benalla; 3, Chas. Gidney, Rockbank; 1, Geo. Little, Benalla.

Pearson, Rowe, Smith, and Co. sold:—21, Jos. Toal, Bullwan; 9, Trustees late J. Gellion, Woodlands; 4, J. Love, Tullamarine; 2, W. Scott, Yarram; 2, Gregory Bird, Hedley. Prices ranging up to £2 7s.

J. M. Peck and Son sold:—22, W. A. Carlisle, Wunghnu; 6, Turner, Marang.

Wm. Hudson and Co. sold 9, Tullamarine.

M'Phail Bros. and Co. sold:—7, Pettavel, Yinnar; 5, Jas. Elliot, Yinnar; 2, Rowe, Yinnar; 1, F. E. Newnham, Karramomus; 1, Poustie, Arcadia; 1, R. Walsh, Williamstown; 1, Morwell.

Ettershank, Eaglestone, and Mann sold:—7, J. P. Neyland, Birchip; 4, E. Lee, sen., Narrapoort.

PURE STOCK.

Powers, Rutherford, and Co. sold:—151 Lincoln rams, Jno. Baker, Pomborneit; 41 Lincoln rams, Alexr. Cameron, Mayfield.

Fisken, Valentine, and Co. sold:—30 pure Lincoln rams, A. Cameron, Mayfield; 4 stud Shropshire ewes, two-tooth, Hon. Thos. Brunton, M.L.C., Roxburgh-park.

Edward Trenchard and Co. sold, account William M'Nab and Bros., Oakbank, Tullamarine, the Ayrshire stud bull Archie of Oakbank, white and brown, calved 6th February, 1896, sire Glen Elgin's Bruce, 120, A.H.B. of A. (the champion Ayrshire bull at the Royal Shows, Melbourne, 1894, 1895, and 1896), dam Alice of Berchetkie (imported), 5,468, A.H.B. of S., by The Doctor, 1,646, A.H.B. of S., g.d. Rosy 1st, by Brown Hill, g.g.d. Rosy of Guiltree Hill, g.g.g.d. Lettie; purchaser, J. B. Tothill, Koonowla, Auburn, South Australia.

STORE STOCK.

Powers, Rutherford, and Co. have sold—100 bullocks, D. Coutts, M.L.C., Elmswood; 60 young cattle, at Elphinstone; 840 crossbred ewes, Geo. T. Chirnside, Werribee-park.

Ettershank, Eaglestone, and Mann sold 1,000 comeback ewes, Jas. Macenerie, Westbank.

Ernest Raleigh sold, conjunction Dalgety and Co. Ltd., 10,000 fourtooth wethers, in the wool, from Bimerah Station, Isisford; and, conjunction Messrs. Riley Bros., 25,000 fourtooth wethers, off shears, from Barcaldine Station, Barcaldine.

LANCEFIELD MARKET.

Adamson, Strettle, and Co. held their usual monthly sale at Lancefield on Monday, 4th inst., when they penned 220 head of cattle and 60 pigs. There was a good attendance of buyers, and nearly every line was disposed of at satisfactory figures. Good springers were in request, and realised £3 to £6—the latter figure being obtained for a very good cow, the property of J. Strachan, Bolinda. Fat cows made £2/15/ to £4; store cows, £1 to £2/7/6; pens of heifers, 30/ to 35/ per head; steers, 15/ to 25/; calves, to 30/. Bacon pigs realised 20/ to 42/; porkers, 16/8 to 25/; stores, 10/ to 13/.

HORSE and DAIRY STOCK.

Messrs. Campbell and Sons, Kirk's Bazaar, report:—"Horses.—There has been very little business doing owing to the Christmas holidays. Two days' sales comprise the work done during the week. Extra heavy draughts are in fair demand. Medium draughts and good, active delivery-cart horses have met with good competition. Stout phaeton ponies are inquired for. Indian remounts have changed hands at from £17 to £24. Ordinary saddle and harness horses show a slight improvement on the closing rates of last year. No carriage pairs have changed hands since our last report. Our ordinary sales comprise—Extra heavy draughts, subject to trials, £18 to £25; medium draughts, broken, £10 to £15; do., unbroken, £7 to £9; town backs, £18 to £30; phaeton ponies, £9 to £16; ordinary saddle and harness horses, £4 to £8. Country lots averaged £10 5/6, £7 5/, £11 2/, and £9 2/, each lot respectively. Dairy Stock.—Good milkers are in slightly better demand. Springers show very little change on late quotations. Good dry cows are in fair request. We quote—Best cows, in full profit, £7 to £9; medium sorts, £4 to £5 10/; springers, £3 10/ to £5 15/; dry cows, £2 to £3."

MELBOURNE WOOL, STATION PRODUCE, AND GRAIN MARKET.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6.

The Melbourne Woolbrokers' Association reports:—

Wool.—The sales were resumed to-day after the Christmas interval, with the customary attendance of buyers. The assortment was of rather inferior character, and the disposition of the market was to lower rates; crossbred qualities and all sorts of inferior description being ½d. per lb. lower; average wools show less depreciation.

Sheepskins.—Freezing and butchers' pelts, at to 1/8 each; lambs' up to [illegible] do.; lambs' pelts, up to 1/4 do.; dry skins, [illegible]; [illegible] per lb.; good dry skins (merino), 4d. to 4½d. per lb.; do. (crossbred), 4d. to 5½d. do.; inferior (crossbred and merino), 2d. to 3½d. do.; full-woolled (merino), up to 5½d. do.; dry freezing and butchers' pelts, 3d. to 1/8 each; do. lambs' pelts, 8d. to 1/ do.

Hides.—Green ox hides (heavy), 3d. to 4½d. per lb., a few extra to 4½d. do.; medium, 2½d. to 3½d. do.; light, 2d. to 2½d. do.; green cow hides, to 2½d. do.; calf skins, to 3½d. do.; yearling calf skins, 2½d. do.; New Zealand hides (heavy), 4½d. to 5d. do.; do. (light), 3d. to 3½d. do.; Victorian kip hides, 2½d. to 3½d. do.; Victorian salted hides, 2½d. to 3½d. do.; do. (extra heavy), to 5d. do.

Tallow.—Prime mutton, £18/10/ per ton; medium mutton, £17/15/ to £18 do.; prime mixed, £16 10/ to £16 15/ do.; medium mixed, £15/15/ to £16 do.; fine and odd sorts, £12 to £14 do.

Furred Skins.—Kangaroo, heavy, 7d. to 10d. per lb.; good, 1/ to 1/5 do.; inferior, 6d. to 9d. do.; brush, 6d. to 10d. do.; small, 4d. to 5d. do.; black wallaby, 9d. to 1/ do.; small and inferior, 6d. to 8d. do.; a few well furred black wallaby to 1/3; opossum skins, superior mountain, 9/ to 17/; good mountain, 12/ to 14/ per dozen; do., seconds, 4/ to 9/ do.; silver grey and heavily furred skins, 7/ to 8/6 do., average, 5/ to 6/6 do.; inferior, 1/ to 4/ do.; rabbit skins, good, 5d. to 5½d. per lb.; do., medium, 3d. to 4½d. do.; do., small and inferior, 1d. to 3d. do.; do., N.S.W. skins, 2½d. to 4d. do.

Bark.—Ground (superior), to £6/10/ per ton; Portland ground, £6/15/ to £7 do.; chopped (good), £4/10/ to £5 do.; do., inferior, £1 10/ to £2/10/ do.; bundled (good), £3 to £3/15/ do.; do. (inferior), £1/10/ to £2 do.; bark (best), £4 to £6 5/ do.; best Portland, to £7 do.

Wheat.—Old (nominally), from 5/5½ to 5/9; new, prime, 5/5; good, to 5/4; inferior, from 4/8.

Oats.—Algerian, good, to 2/3½; prime, to 2/5; inferior, to 2/2; stout white, up to 2/4; feed, 2/5.

Barley.—Inferior, from 3/6; fair malting, to 4/1; good, 4/3 to (nominally) 4/6; Cape, 2/10½.

Maize.—Prime fed, 2/11; inferior, to 2/8.

Peas, to 4/1.

MELBOURNE GRAIN MARKET.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6.

Messrs. H. E. Love and Co., Grain and Chaff Merchants, 605 Little Collins-street, report:—"Chaff.—The holidays have affected supplies and market is firmer. Prime samples to-day are worth £3/2/6 to £3/7/6, medium to good qualities £2/15/ to £3. Wheat.—Good milling, 5/4½ to 5/5. Barley.—Prime malting, 4/4 to 4/6; medium, 3/9 to 4/3; Cape, 2/10½. Oats.—Good, heavy white, 2/3; seed Algerians, 2/7 to 2/9; prime stout, 2/4 to 2/6; light feed lots, 2/ to 2/3. Peas, 4/1. Potatoes.—Prime, new, £5/15/ to £6. New and secondhand bran bags, corn and chaff sacks, at lowest current rates."

Mr. Harold S. K. Ward, chaff, grain, and commission agent, 517-521 Flinders-lane, reports:—"Chaff.—Owing to farmers being busy stacking the market has been very lightly supplied, and prices are much firmer. 4 quotes—Prime, £3/7/6; good, £3/2/6; straw chaff, £2/6. Oats.—White, 2/3 to 2/5; Algerian milling, 2/4; feed, from 2/3. Maize, 2/10. All classes of bags quoted on application."

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Society for the Protection of Animals was held on January 5. Present—Mr. E. L. Zox (in the chair), Dr. J. P. Ryan, Messrs. Moore, Atherton, and Garten. The inspectors' report showed that 40 cases had received attention during the month, in six of which the offenders were prosecuted. The markets, sale yards, &c., had been regularly visited, with satisfactory results. Reports re vivisection licenses and the branding regulations under the stock tax were received and dealt with, and so were reports from some honorary agents in country districts. Captain Chirnside's resignation as a member of committee was accepted, and he was appointed hon. agent at Werribee. Mr. R. J. Thomson was appointed hon. solicitor at Maffra.

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FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter.—The local market was heavily supplied yesterday, and as the quality of a considerable proportion was not good, prices weakened. The grocers' demand was only for butter in sweet condition, and sour or curdy or milky samples were only saleable for pastry making. Although prices were easier, it is difficult to find the relief of an export demand, as the relative prices offer little attraction to buyers to send home consignments of the inferior grades, which have therefore to find a sale locally. Good sweet factory butter sold at 7½d. to 8d., superior quality fetching up to 8½d.; and inferior samples from 6d. upwards, according to quality. Good dairy butter sold at 6½d. to 7d., and prime up to 7½d., an occasional advance being obtained, while inferior and medium sold from 5d. upwards, according to quality.

Bacon and Ham.—The demand for bacon continues to be rather quiet, but sellers are not pressing the market. Good to prime sides are quoted at 6½d. to 7d. net, some brands being now advanced to the latter price. Middles are quoted at 7d. to 7½d. net, choice brands fetching up to 8d. Jackets are worth 6d. to 6½d., and shoulders 4d. to 4½d. There is little or no demand for hams, the Christmas trade being over, and quotations are more or less nominal. Bagged are quoted at 8½d. net, and in some cases at up to 9d.; and loose at 7d. to 7½d., but sales cannot be pressed at these prices.

Lard.—Business in lard continues to be on a restricted scale, the consumption being checked by the plentiful supplies of cheap butter available for pastry-making. Bladders are quoted at 4½d. to 5d., and up to 5½d. for best quality. Bulk is selling at 4d. to 4½d., up to 5d. being occasionally obtained.

Cheese.—Large supplies of new cheese continue to arrive, prices remaining steady at 4d. to 4½d. for good to prime quality. Cheese about two to three months old continues to sell at 4½d. to 5d. Matured cheese is in moderate demand at 7½d. to 8d., with supplies beginning to increase.

Eggs.—The supply of eggs yesterday was about the largest received this season, and the market consequently weakened. Sales were made at prices ranging from 7d. to 8d., over 7½d. being obtained for prime private lines. The proportion of bad eggs shows an increase, and numbers of instances are mentioned where rejections have had to be made, the eggs having been kept too long in the warm weather. Duck eggs are quoted at about 8½d.

Poultry.—The supply of poultry yesterday was only moderate, and although prices for some descriptions were easier, the Christmas demand being over, the market held up better than was to have been expected. Fowls fit for the table, including young roosters, sold at 4/ to 5/9. Hens and mixed lots of fowls sold at 2/ to 3/6, and small chickens at 1/6 to 2/. Ducklings realised 3/ to 5/6, and for small birds 2/ to 2/6. Old ducks sold at 2/6 to 3/6. Turkey gobblers sold at prices ranging from 5/ to 15/, but occasionally more was obtained for prime birds, as high as 22/6 having been realised. Turkey hens sold at 5/ to 6/; and small poults at 3/ to 4/6. Geese realised 3/ to 5/.

Honey and Beeswax.—The demand for honey, as usual in the warm weather, is at present quiet. Good to prime samples are quoted at 2½d. to 3d., while dark honey is difficult to sell. Beeswax is unaltered at 11d. to 11½d. for dark, and 1/ to 1/0½ for prime.

Carcase Pork and Vealers.—Pending Friday's sales, quotations for carcase pork are unaltered at 3d. to 4½d., and for vealers at 1½d. to 2d.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6.

Messrs. Barrow Brothers, 91 and 93 William-street, Melbourne, report:—"Cheese.—Supplies rather short this week, but equal to the demand. We quote prime lines from 4½d. to 4½d.; medium quality, from 3½d. to 4d. Potted Butter.—Prime newly potted in good demand, from 6½d. to 7d.; medium and heated lots, from 5d. to 5½d. Fresh Butter.—A fair supply forward, and all prime dairies and factories are in good demand, but heated lots are dull of sale at low figures. We quote prime factories, from 9d. to 9½d.; medium to good, from 7½d. to 8½d.; prime private dairies, in good order, from 7½d. to 8d.; cube cases, from 6½d. to 7½d.; inferior, from 5½d. Poultry (crates supplied on application).—A short supply forward, and good demand. Turkey gobblers, 10/ to 14/6; do., hens, 5/ to 6/3; fowls, young, 2/ to 3/; table use, from 4/6 to 5/6; do., old and mixed, from 3/ to 4/; ducks, from 3/ to 4/9; geese, 3/ to 6/; pigeons, 1/. Eggs.—A fair supply, and market firm; 7½d. to 8d. for hen eggs; 8d. to 9½d. duck eggs. Honey.—Honey is coming forward more freely, and demand is dull, from 2½d. to 3d. for prime quality. Beeswax wanted in any quantity. Carcase Pork and Veal.—We hold sales of carcase pork and veal every Friday at 11 o'clock, and would advise our constituents to forward for that day only, and as we always have a large attendance of the trade, senders can rely on obtaining full market rates for all consignments. Wednesday, Dec. 30.—Owing to the extreme heat of the weather we had very few consignments of country-killed pork or veal. We sold a few porkers at from 4½d. to 4½d.; and vealers from 1d. to 2d. per lb. Vealers.—Prime vealers realised from 1½d. to 1½d.; small calves, from 1d. Bacon.—Supplies are increasing, and market easier. We quote prime sides, from 6d. to 6½d.; medium and heavy sides at lower figures. Pigs' cheeks, 1d. to 1½d. Pigs' feet, from 1d. to 1½d. Lard.—In bladders, 5d.; in tins, from 4d. to 4½d. We receive and dispose of furred and all other kinds of skins at full market rates. A good supply of export butter cases and new and secondhand casks always on hand. Auction sales of farm and dairy produce held in our rooms every Wednesday and Friday."

The Fresh Food and Frozen Storage Company Limited, 629 Bourke-street, report:—"Cheese.—New cheese selling at 4d. to 4½d.; matured, 7d. Dairy Butter.—Best dairies, 7d. to 7½d.; medium, to 6½d.; inferior, from 4d. per lb. Eggs.—We sold at 7½d.; a few lines at 8d. Bacon.—Sides bacon, 6½d.; middles, 7d.; hams, 7½d. per lb. Lard.—Bladders, 5½d. per lb.; tins, 4½d. to 5d. per lb. Wednesday, Dec. 30.—Carcase Pork and Veal.—Prime pigs, 3½d. to 4½d.; medium, 2½d. to 3½d.; vealers, 1d. to 2d. Poultry.—Turkeys, cock turkeys, 6/ to 15/; hens, 3/6 to 6/6; geese, 2/6 for poor ones, to 5/6 for good ones; fowls, 2/ to 3/3; young roosters at higher rates; ducks, 3/ to 5/ per pair."

BENDIGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5.

Fat Cattle.—356 yarded, representing every variety of quality. Good and prime pens were scarce, and sold at fully late rates. Middling beef and stores at lower prices than hitherto this season. Best bullocks, £7 to £8; others, £4/15/ to £6/10/; best cows, £4 to £5; others, £2/10/ to £3/10/.

Fat Calves.—Those forward mostly inferior; anything good sold well; indifferent sorts at low prices; best sold to £2 10/.

Fat Sheep.—4,250 penned. Of this number about one-third were from good to prime mutton; remainder stores and inferior. For best descriptions prices were easier; all other sorts dull of sale at very low prices. Best crossbred wethers, 7/6 to 9/; others, 6/ to 7/3; best merino wethers, 7/ to 7/9; others, 5/6 to 6/9; best crossbred ewes, 6/6 to 7/6; others, 5/ to 6/; best merino ewes, 5/ to 5/6; others, 3/ to 4/6.

Fat Lambs.—1,612 comprised the supply, bulk middling and inferior. Those suited to the trade maintained nearly late rates, graziers' lots and indifferent quality considerably lower. Best, 5/6 to 6/6; others, 2/6 to 5/.

RAILWAY REQUIREMENTS AT SOUTH MELBOURNE.

A deputation from the South Melbourne City Council recently waited on Mr. Mathieson, Commissioner of Railways, and requested that a level vehicular crossing should be made at the Montague station, where at present there is only an inconvenient footbridge for pedestrians. Mr. Mathieson then promised to inspect the station, and on Tuesday afternoon he did so, Dr. Owen, mayor of South Melbourne, and Mr. Miles, town clerk, being present with him by appointment. After making the inspection, Mr. Mathieson pointed out that there was already a vehicular crossing at Ferrars-street, about 200 yards to the north of Montague-street, and another at Boundary-street, about 200 yards to the south, and, as the suggested new crossing would cost £400 or £500, he did not see that the department was in a position to make it. He would, however, provide wicket-gates for pedestrian traffic, so that persons crossing the line would not have to go over the bridge. Mr. Mathieson further said it was the intention of the department to erect new platforms and make other improvements at the station, at an estimated cost of about £400. An inspection was afterwards made of the level crossing at the City-road on the St. Kilda line, and Mr. Mathieson stated that he would take into favourable consideration a request for wicket-gates to be erected for pedestrians to cross the line at that place instead of having to go over the footbridge.

TREE-PLANTING ON THE ST. KILDA ROAD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—Anyone passing along St. Kilda road on Monday last could hardly fail to notice the very shallow roots upon the tree at the corner of St. Kilda road and High-street, which was blown down by the wind during the afternoon. There is no doubt that the present system of watering is to blame for this.

Mr. Mackay, F.C.S., lecturer in agronomy at the Wesley College (now in Sydney), predicted that such shallow rooting would result in the blowing down of some of them, and as the trees grow there is little doubt that more will follow the one of Monday, which was the best on the road. He also suggested a very simple method of overcoming this, which was to put an ordinary drain-pipe in the ground beside each tree, standing it on end, the top being level with the surface, then by filling these with water, which would soak in at the bottom, the trees would send their roots down in search of the moisture. A small cover to each pipe would exclude dust and rubbish from blowing in them.

By these means it is easily understood that less water would be needed, and the trees taking firmer hold of the soil would be proof against the wind.

It would be a pity to see the trees blown down, which must inevitably follow, when they become larger, if the present system is continued.—Yours, &c.,
W. A. N. ROBERTSON.
St. Kilda, Jan. 6.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

HOBSON'S BAY.

High Water, This Day.—Morning, 5.45; evening, 5.3.

Jan. 6.—9 a.m.: Wind E.S.E., light; weather fine, clear; barometer, 29.25; thermometer, 65. 1 p.m.: Wind S., light; weather fine, clear; barometer, 29.23; thermometer, 72. 4 p.m.: Wind S., fresh; weather, fine, clear; barometer, 29.20; thermometer, 77.

ARRIVED.—Jan. 6.

Friedrich der Grosse (German mail steamship), 10,500 tons, W. Reimkasten commander, from Bremen 18th November, Antwerp 24th, Southampton 25th, Genoa 30th November, Naples 2nd December, Port Said 8th, Suez 11th, Aden 17th, Colombo 20th, Albany 30th December, Adelaide 4th inst. Passengers (as per list telegraphed from Albany published in "The Argus" on the 31st ult.). From Albany for Melbourne—Messrs. A. Howken, W. Miller, J. Williams, J. Harris, A. Brone, Miss F. Hewitt, M. Rosenarth, purser. Ostermeyer, Dewez, and Van Rompaey, agents.

Polynesien (French mail steamship), 6,000 tons, L. Boulard commander, from Marseilles 6th December, Port Said 11th, Suez 11th, Colombo 22nd December, Albany 1st inst., Adelaide 4th inst. Passengers (as per list telegraphed from Albany published in "The Argus" on the 2nd inst.). From Albany.—For Melbourne—saloon: Mr. G. H. Turton. From Adelaide.—Mr. Paul de Champmorin, purser. Dalgety and Co. Limited, agents.

Himalaya, R.M.S.S. (P. and O. line), 6,898 tons, A. W. Adamson commander, from Sydney en route to London. Passengers for all ports—71 in the first and second saloon. Fred. W. Burgess, purser. Geo. Withers, agent.

Moel Tryvan, four-masted bq., 1,565 tons, E. Jones, from Liverpool 12th October. No passengers. Virgoe, Son, and Chapman, agents.

ENTERED OUT.—Jan. 6.

Speranzah, 1,030 tons, A. Figari, for Boston.

CLEARED OUT.—Jan. 6.

Argus, 1,322 tons, J. R. George, for Sydney, with original cargo from Calcutta and Singapore for Sydney. A. Currie and Co., agents.

Darmstadt, 3,161 tons, M. Eichel, for Bremen. Ostermeyer, Dewez, and Van Rompaey, agents.

Bellinger, 134 tons, A. J. Lloyd, for Devonport and Strahan. D. Mills, agent.

Wakatipu, Union Co.'s s.s., 2,000 tons, C. Spinks, for New Zealand via Hobart. Passengers—saloon: Mesdames Williams, Vickery, Clayton, A. Webb, Manson, Nicholas, O'Connor, M'Farlane, Wyatt, Brown, Snowball, Chandler, Glover, Allen and two children, Harlin, Austin, Field, Brown, Atkins, Anderson, Dossiter, Misses Williams, Jackson, O'Connor, Graham, Abbott, Sanderson, Harlin, Brown, Gregerson, Bosse, Stewart, Fox, Philp, Withington, Dossiter, Johns, Rev. Clayton, Messrs. A. Webb, Anderson, Conron, Rev. Low, Major Rawlinson, Messrs. Harcourt, Manson, Nicholas, Burt, Evans, Allen, Browne, Moline, M'Culloch, Spink, Cerfield, M'Kenzie, Wyatt, Snowball, Haworth, Massey, Dewey, Miller, Kirkland, Evans, Gregerson, Graham, Harper, Potter, Cussen, Smith, Moline, Montgomery, Osment, Cruickshank, Clarke, Leech, Henderson, Clerinew, Ashman, Stewart, Hudson, Hartney, Haldon, Haigh, Stevens, Testrale, Rae, Harcourt; and 30 in the steerage. D. Mills, agent.

Pateena, Union Co.'s s.s., 1,212 tons, H. Sams, for Launceston. Passengers—saloon: Mesdames Blackburn, Holberton, Morgan, Smedley, Macartney, Schales, Fitzgerald, Lawrence, Vanrenan, Rowbottom, Heriot, Gibson, Galli, Travers, Gay, Corry, W. A. Laver, Boyd, Williams, Fenton, Field and infant, J. Lucas and two children, H. Lawrence, J. Will, B. Parton and child, King, C. Shearn, Fairbank, Misses Wigmore, Brown, Morgan, Stubbs, Barstow, Macartney, Lawrence, Vanrenan, Stone, Mowat, Hayes, Allen, Dougharty, Fenton, Wood, Lempriere (two), King, Hamilton, Field, Henderson, Allen, Byrne, Cox, Fisher, Panton, Hadden, Davidson, Berwick, Affleck, Walsh, Messrs. R. Dickson, Carrington, W. A. Laver, Fraser, Arnold, Remington, Baillieu, J. Dowrey, Lawrence, Banff, Bate and son, Fairbottom, Finlayson, Sellimem, J. Lucas, Rawlinson, Dr. Partridge, Smedley, J. Will, Cowie, Franks, Blackburn, Williams, Gay, Cave, Fitzgerald, Derry, Easton, Tyson, King, C. H. Shearn, Lawrence, Pringle, Williams, Butler, Clarke, Collins, Browne, Lawson, Scholes, Plante, Campbell, Hardley, Whitehall, C. J. Paul; and 20 in the steerage. D. Mills, agent.

Tane, s.s., 4,500 tons, L. A. Leslie, for Newcastle direct. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons Limited, agents.

Leura, s.s., 2,000 tons, R. E. Brown, for Sydney and Queensland ports. Passengers—32 in the saloon and 36 in the steerage. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons Limited, agents.

Darmstadt, s.s., 5,316 tons, M. Eichel commander, for Bremen via ports. Passengers.—For Albany—Messrs. G. Gee, D. M. Mackenzie, M. Pragley, J. Clarke, W. Hebbard, James Harris, Jos. Harris, W. M. Tait, Miss F. Burrell. For Colombo—Mr. and Mrs. Livesey and children (two), Mrs. Moor and child. For Naples—Mr. F. Loprieno. For Genoa—Mr. A. Weber, Mrs. A. Fischer and child, Mr. and Mrs. P. Behrendt, Miss Johnson. For Southampton—Mr. and Mrs. A. Vilverston and children (two), Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence and family (three). For Bremen—Mr. Jos. Schwarz, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pullen, Mr. G. von Veithe; and 95 in other classes. Ostermeyer, Dewez, and Van Rompaey, agents.

EXPORTS.—Jan. 6.

Pateena, for Launceston (Additional Manifest).—2 pkgs bicycles, 25 pkgs resin, 2 cs pianos, 2 pkgs machinery, 11 pkgs tobacco, &c., 20 pkgs groceries, 3 pkgs tea, 3 pkgs electrical goods, 32 pkgs twine, 3 pkgs drapery, 37 pkgs hardware, 5 pkgs sewing-machines, 9 pkgs fruit, 2 cs whisky, 200 cs kerosene, 7 pkgs leather, 2 pkgs naves, 2 pkgs reapers and binders, 23 pkgs hides, 60 bags 10 tons sugar, 29 pkgs bags, 20 pkgs merchandise.

Bellinger, for Devonport and Strahan.—Quantity of timber, 33 pkgs groceries, 249 pkgs hardware, 5 pkgs paper, 47 pkgs fruit and vegetables, 2 pkgs glass, 60 pkgs bags, 12 tons sugar, 3 pkgs merchandise.

Darmstadt, for Bremen.—5 cs ore, 38 pkgs oilmen's stores, 8 pkgs tobacco leaf, 2 cs runners, 2,122 bls wool, 3 bls leather, 589 bls sheepskins, 22 cs meats, 5 pkgs merchandise, and original cargo from Sydney for Bremen.

Wakatipu, for Bluff via Hobart.—56 pkgs wines, 6 pkgs samples, 2 pkgs boots, 160 pkgs brandy, 33 pkgs drapery, &c., 35 pkgs bicycles and parts, 43 pkgs tobacco, &c., 128 pkgs lime-juice, &c., 2 pkgs newspapers, 92 pkgs hardware, 28 pkgs groceries, &c., 161 pkgs oils, 37 pkgs books and stationery, 31 bls kapok, 308 pkgs tea, 216 pkgs fruit, 5 pkgs sarsaparilla, 33 pkgs bottles, 143 pcs timber, 8 pkgs ad. plates, 7 pkgs whisky, 29 pkgs castings, 2 pkgs paints, &c., 2 pkgs spirits, 10 bls woolpacks, 2 pkgs furniture, 2 pkgs twine, 2 pkgs glass, 55 tons pig iron, 4 pkgs iron, 16 tons sugar, 5 pkgs leather, 2 pkgs reaper and binder fittings, 62 pkgs coffee essence, 30 bls pipes, 7 pkgs sewing-machines, 294 bags bark, 10 pkgs food, 45 pkgs dye stuff, 5 pkgs paper, 73 pkgs potatoes and onions, 88 rolls netting, 100 cs kerosene, 4 pkgs lifts, stoves, 31 pkgs merchandise.

Leura, for Sydney and Queensland ports.—306 bags onions, 239 bls 503 bags chaff, 158 cs fruit, 39 bls hay, 26 bls coirmats, 150 bags oatmeal, 76 bags oats, 74 sks salt, 270 cs jam, 24 cs vinegar, 14 pkgs stationery, 35 pcs arrowsmith, 22 pkgs effects, 899 sks salt, 1,299 tons lead, 99 bags bark, 121 bags tares, 240 bags flour, 82 bags bark, 620 bags flour, 50 cs L. ... 16 pkgs rattans, 60 cs Arabic composition, 13 cs stoves, 15 cs mortein, 50 bags malt, 12 cs sewing cotton, 16 bxs tin-plates, 40 cs lemons, 11 pkgs silks, 10 cs bicycles, 82 cths tea, 50 cs schnapps, 11 cs E.P. goods, 10 cs whisky, 24 cs P. ware, 18 cs W. oil, 11 cs glassware, 376 pkgs merchandise.

Darmstadt, for Bremen via ports.—2,412 bls wool, 830 bls sheepskins, 23 bls clippings, 59 pkgs oilmen's stores, 6 bls chaff, 10 bls leather, 32 cks sausage skins, 6 cks wine, 10 pkgs sundries.

SHIPPING TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

PORT PHILLIP HEADS.

Arrived.—Jan. 6—Rip, from outside pilot station.

Sailed.—Jan. 6—Mavis, for outside pilot station; Concordia (outward bound), still anchored; Bellinger, for Devonport; Darmstadt, for Bremen; Tane, for Newcastle.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Inward.—Jan. 6—12.15 p.m.: Bongaree. Outward.—Jan. 6—8 a.m.: Charlotte Fenwick. 9.45 a.m.: Easby.

CAPE NELSON.—Outward.—Jan. 6—12.20 p.m.: Steamer.

WARRNAMBOOL.—Arrived.—Jan. 6—Flinders, from Portland.

PORT FAIRY.—Sailed.—Jan. 6—Casino, for Melbourne.

LAKES ENTRANCE.—Sailed.—Jan. 6—Maitland, for Melbourne; Lightning, for Mallacoota.

EDEN.—Sailed.—Jan. 6—Hauroto, for Launceston.

GREEN CAPE.—Jan. 6—Barque-rigged British war steamship passed south at 1.30 p.m. 2.25 p.m.: Hauroto.

SYDNEY.—Arrived.—Jan. 6—Woniang, from Kaipara; Deodroy, from Lord Howe Island. Sailed.—Jan. 6—Burwah and Cintra, for Brisbane; Ashley and Aramac, for Melbourne; Hobah, for Hobart. Maritta, s.s., passed Heads at 8.41 a.m., bound north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrived.—Jan. 6—Marco Polo and Dorotta, from Adelaide; Maritta, from Albany. Sailed.—Jan. 6—Lindus, for Adelaide; Burrumbeet, for Sydney.

BRISBANE.—Sailed.—Jan. 5—Ranelagh, for Rockhampton. Jan. 6—Keewanara and Fitzroy, for Sydney; Jiuia Percy, for Rockhampton; Lady Musgrave, for Bundaberg, Moreton Bay.—Arrived.—Jan. 6—Jumna, from London. Maryborough.—Arrived.—Jan. 6—Ranelagh, from Brisbane. Keppel Bay.—Arrived.—Jan. 6—Wodonga, from Cooktown. Sailed.—Jan. 6—Franklin, for Sydney; Wodonga and Eurimbla, for Brisbane. Townsville.—Arrived.—Dec. 6—Duke of Devonshire, from Brisbane.

ADELAIDE.—Arrived.—Jan. 5—Ouraka, from Newcastle. Jan. 6—Orient, from London. Sailed.—Jan. 6—Solingen, for Melbourne; Gulf of Martaban and Orient, for Melbourne; Flinders, for Esperance; Orizaba, for London.

ESPERANCE.—Sailed.—Jan. 6—Rob Roy, for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE.—Arrived.—Jan. 6—Markar, from Albany; Croydon, from Geraldton. Sailed.—Jan. 6—Waratah, for Mandurah.

STRAHAN (EAST).—Sailed.—Jan. 6—Grafton, for Melbourne.

LOW HEAD.—Sailed.—Jan. 6—Coogee, for Melbourne.

ALBANY.—Jan. 6—Clitus, steamer, Java to Melbourne, put in for medical advice, 10 a.m.: 35 cases malarial fever on board.

The R.M.S.S. Orient, from London, is due to reach Port Melbourne to-morrow morning.

The R.M.S.S. Himalaya, of the P. and O. line, berthed at Port Melbourne Railway Pier at noon yesterday from Sydney. She is homeward bound, and leaves here on Saturday.

The steamship Solingen, of the German-Australian line, outward bound from Hamburg, left Adelaide for Melbourne on Tuesday. She should therefore enter an appearance here to-day.

The following steamers left the bay yesterday:—Polynesien and Leura, for Sydney; Darmstadt, for Bremen; Tane and Norkoona, for Newcastle; Pateena, for Launceston; Wakatipu, for New Zealand via Hobart; Bellinger, for Devonport.

THE NEW GERMAN MAIL STEAMSHIP FRIEDRICH DER GROSSE.

The arrival at Port Melbourne yesterday morning of the new Imperial German mail steamship Friedrich der Grosse attracted a fairly large muster of visitors to the railway pier, where the mammoth vessel was berthed by Pilot Campbell at half-past 9 o'clock. The Friedrich der Grosse, which is the first of a quartet of steamers of her kind in course of construction for the North German Lloyd's, is the largest vessel that has yet passed through the Suez Canal or across the equator. The Friedrich der Grosse has a length between perpendiculars of 525ft., a breadth of 60ft., and an inside depth of 34ft. She measures over 10,000 register tons, and, upon a draught of 28ft. has a displacement of nearly 20,000 tons. Whilst the whole cargo capacity of the ship (including the space for third-class passengers) equals about 11,000 cubic metres (say 9,500 tons), the cabin arrangements provide for the berthing of 100 first class and 76 second class passengers. If, however, the room available for steerage passengers is used wholly for that purpose, no fewer than 2,300 passengers can be accommodated in a single trip. In the construction of the vessel one of the first considerations was the handling of large cargoes in port in the shortest possible time, and with the least possible disturbance to passengers. With this object, the cabin passengers are brought together in a compact space amidships, thus leaving at both ends of the ship plenty of free space for the hatches and for the various appliances for loading and discharging cargo. In both fore and after parts of the ship are four large cargo hatches, making eight in all. These are provided with 16 cranes, worked by hydraulic-power. Whilst the earlier ships of the company had only one promenade deck amidships, this new vessel has two, one immediately over the other, the lower one being used by second-class passengers and the upper one by the first class. These amidship structures stand upon the upper or spar deck, have a length of 250ft., and stretch the whole width of the ship. On the starboard side of the lower of these two decks are placed the sleeping-rooms, bathrooms, and lavatories of the second class; on the port side the officers' rooms and the hospitals for the third-class passengers. The entire traffic of the ship is, on this arrangement, limited to the port side, without inconvenience to the passengers, who are berthed on the starboard side. At the ends of the ship there is a poop about 60ft. in length, and a turtle-back 80ft. long. In the poop the third-class passengers are berthed, and in case of need it can be fitted with cabins, &c., for second-class passengers. The seamen's quarters are in the turtle-back. The remaining deck space serves for third-class passengers and cargo, and for accommodation of stewards, firemen, &c. The sleeping-rooms of the first class, a large number of which are arranged for one passenger only, are placed wholly on the two promenade decks, and contain every comfort and convenience. The "cabine de luxe" is on board for distinguished travellers, and every cabin is provided with electric calls and electric-light, available at all hours of the night. The first-class dining-saloon, ante-room, ladies' drawing-room, and smoking-room are splendid examples of ship architecture. The ante-rooms, passages, and entrance-hall are airy, light, and lofty, with a view to voyages in hot climates, and offer a particularly pleasant retreat. All these rooms are brightly painted, and the most exposed parts are finished in polished teakwood. The first-class dining saloon has its walls painted an old-gold tint, with the ornamental parts picked out with light gilding. The ceiling is in ivory tone, with panels of old-gold ground, adorned with light and airy paintings. The large skylight is in the same style. Great mirrors, sculptures, and paintings enliven the place, which is closed above with an enormous dome of English glasswork. The large and unusually lofty first-class smoking-room is decorated with bright oak in the German Renaissance style. The first-class ladies' saloon is in the English Queen Anne style. The second-class rooms are finished in simpler style, but very tastefully, in polished hardwood. The sleeping-rooms in the second-class, which are all situated on the upper deck amidships, on the starboard side, are nearly as luxurious as the first class state-rooms. Much care has been bestowed on the arrangements of the bathrooms, &c. As to third-class passengers, they are provided with convenient iron beds, with wide passages at the sides, in which tables and seats are placed in large numbers. Two of the divisions in the upper steerage and the poop contain rooms for from two to six third-class passengers. These living-rooms are provided with the best ventilating apparatus. The vessel is built with great strength as a four-decker, according to the highest requirements of the Germanischer Lloyd, of the finest steel. Besides a double bottom running from end to end, the ship is built with 12 water-tight bulkheads, extending to the upper deck, and divided into 13 water-tight compartments, so that two adjoining compartments can be filled without the ship being thereby endangered. The numbers and size of the water-proof doors are as limited as possible, and the pumping arrangements are carried out with unusual care. Besides all these precautions, the steamer is provided with over 20 lifeboats, which are placed on the awning-deck in such a manner that they can be lowered to the water in a few minutes. The steering apparatus consists, besides the powerful steering wheels aft on the poop-deck, of a steam steering gear controlled from the bridge. The engines consist of two quadruple expansion engines with four cylinders, and indicate about 7,000 horse-power, giving about 14 knots average speed. The boiler room contains five cylindrical double boilers, and two single ended boilers, the latter available in the ports for subsidiary purposes. The boilers are placed in two water-tight divisions, separated from one another, and worked with natural draught. The steam pressure is 213lb. per square foot. The ship is lighted in all parts by electricity, some 700 glow-lamps each of 25 candle-power, being kept going, worked by three direct coupled dynamo-machines. The Friedrich der Grosse has on this her maiden voyage the largest cargo yet brought to Australia by one vessel, her complement of general merchandise being about 11,000 tons. Of this 600 tons were landed at Albany, 700 tons at Adelaide, whilst here she will discharge 3,000 tons, and at Sydney over 6,000 tons. She is under the command of Captain Reimkasten, whilst the engines are in charge of Mr. E. Prillwitz, who was formerly chief engineer of the Prinz Regent Luitpold. The deck officers are—Navigating officer, E. Walterstorff; chief officer, C. Polack; second, H. Kretz; third, F. Hagenmeyer; fourth, F. Krause. Dr. Helbeg is surgeon, and M. Rosengarth purser. The vessel left Bremen on the 18th November, but owing to a heavy fog she quitted Antwerp two days behind time on the 24th. On leaving Southampton next day the first and second saloon were full of passengers, whilst 170 were in the steerage. Some fast steaming was done thence to Genoa, the vessel averaging a little over 15 knots per hour for 2,000 miles. The mails were received at Naples. Port Said was touched at on the 8th December, Suez next day, and Aden on the 12th, the trip through the Suez Canal having been accomplished without a hitch. Colombo was left on the 20th, Albany on the 30th December, and Adelaide on Monday last at 5.30 p.m. Cape Otway was passed at 9 o'clock on Tuesday night, when the engines were slowed down, and the steamer coming along leisurely arrived in the bay at 8 a.m. yesterday. Fine weather prevailed almost throughout the voyage, and the average speed attained was 14 knots, although on occasions 15½ knots were logged. The engines worked splendidly all the time, and, generally speaking, the highest expectations formed were realised. The Friedrich der Grosse leaves here for Sydney to-morrow evening.

FRENCH MAIL STEAMSHIP POLYNESIEN.

The Polynesien, of the Messageries Maritimes line, reached Port Melbourne yesterday morning at 7 o'clock from Marseilles. On arrival she berthed at the railway pier, where passengers and cargo were landed, the vessel continuing her voyage to Sydney last evening. Captain Boulard reports leaving Marseilles on the 6th December. Violent squalls and rough sea were encountered passing Corsica, where the weather became settled, a pleasant run following to Port Said. The Canal was entered on the 11th December, Suez being departed from that night. The weather was fine and cool during the passage through the Red Sea, and thereafter, until Colombo was reached, those on board were enabled by pleasant auspices to heartily indulge in the usual shipboard amusement. Colombo was reached on the 21st December, and there passengers and mails for China and Japan were transferred to the s.s. Natal, the Polynesien continuing her trip next day, after coaling. The prevailing conditions as the steamer headed for Albany were squally, but the weather remained fine, and the West Australian port was arrived at on the first day of the year. A heavy swell was experienced during the run across the Great Australian Bight to Adelaide, the latter port being made on the 4th inst., at 10 a.m. Resuming the voyage at 7.30 p.m. that day, the Polynesien executed a smart run on the coast, arriving here as indicated. She brought a fair complement of passengers for Melbourne, Sydney, and Noumea.

THE BARQUE MOEL TRYVAN.

The long sequence of protracted voyages by sailers from the old world to this port, which was broken by the Hesperus a week or two since, would appear, at all events, for a time to be at an end, as some of the recent arrivals having done remarkably well. The four-masted barque Moel Tryvan, which reached the bay early yesterday morning, accomplished the voyage from Liverpool in 84 days. She has a general cargo, comprising 2,400 tons of merchandise, about 1,000 tons of which will be lightered at her anchorage in the bay. Liverpool was left on the 13th October. The vessel experienced no N.E. trades, but picked up the south-east trades in lat. 5deg. N., passing the equator on the 14th November in lon. 29deg. W. The S.E. trades prevailed only to lat. 13deg. south, where the wind veered to E. and N.E., freshening as the vessel proceeded south. The meridian of the Cape was passed in lat. 41deg. south on the 5th December, and the easting run down between the parallels of latitude 41deg. and 43deg. S. under N.W. to S.W. winds. Splendid progress was made thence to the meridian of Cape Leeuwin, passed on the 29th December. Moderate variable breezes succeeded to Cape Otway, which was passed on the 3rd inst., the Heads being entered next day.

MAILS OUTWARD.

SORRENTO.—Ozone or Hygeia, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9.30 a.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m.

SYDNEY and QUEENSLAND,* daily except Saturday, 5.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.; Aramac, Jan. 9, 11 a.m.

ADELAIDE,* daily (except Saturday), 3.15 p.m.; Himalaya, Jan. 9, 11 a.m.

NEW ZEALAND, Via HOBART.—Mararoa, Jan. 13, 6 p.m. AUCKLAND, &c., Via SYDNEY—Rotomahana, Jan. 12, 4.30 p.m.; Alameda, Jan. 16, 3 a.m. WELLINGTON, &c., Via SYDNEY—Talune, Jan. 8, 4.30 p.m.

TASMANIA.—HOBART and LAUNCESTON—Coogee, Jan. 8, 2 p.m.; Grafton, Jan. 9, 11 a.m.; Pateena, Jan. 11, 11 a.m. CIRCULAR HEAD, &c.—Grafton, Jan. 9, 11 a.m. STRAHAN and ZEEHAN—Grafton, Jan. 9, 11 a.m.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Via ADELAIDE.—Australasian*, Jan. 8, 11 a.m.; Himalaya, Jan. 12, 3.15 p.m.

EUROPE.—Himalaya, Jan. 12, 2 p.m. Registered letters, 11.30 a.m.; newspapers, 2 p.m.; letters and packets, 2 p.m.; registered late letters (provided the postage and fees are fully prepaid by stamps) will be received at General Post-office, 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 6d.; 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m., 1/. Ordinary late letters (provided the postage and fees are fully prepaid by stamps) will be received at the General Post-office, 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., 3d.; at the Rialto, Collins-street, until 4.5 p.m., 6d.; at the Spencer-street railway station until departure of Adelaide train, 4.25 p.m., 6d. Darmstadt*, Jan. 8, 2.15 p.m.; Polynesien*, Jan. 20, 11 a.m.

HONG KONG and PORT DARWIN.—Airlie, this day, 4.30 p.m.

NOUMEA, Via SYDNEY.—Polynesien, Jan. 8, 5 a.m.

CALIFORNIA, &c., Via SYDNEY.—Alameda, Jan. 16, 5 a.m.

FIJI, Via SYDNEY.—Warrimoo, Jan. 11, 4.30 p.m.

CAPE TOWN, Via NATAL (DIRECT).—Australasian, Jan. 8, 11 a.m.

HONOLULU, VANCOUVER, and CANADA, Via SYDNEY.—Warrimoo, Jan. 11, 3.15 a.m.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

"The Argus" Office, Wednesday Evening.

Neither press nor private advices brought by the American mail contain any anticipation of the banking troubles which have lately occurred. On the contrary, they indicate the existence of a very hopeful feeling, consequent upon the defeat of the silverite candidate for the Presidency. A letter from a well-informed capitalist at Chicago, who was in the colonies a few months ago, is distinctly optimistic. Although intimately associated with several of the largest of the national banks in and around Chicago, he appears to have had no idea that any breakdown was impending. The trouble, then, has arisen unexpectedly. But that it is serious is pretty certain, especially as American bank managers have not hitherto displayed a suicidal tendency when things go wrong. The gravity of the position will more clearly suggest itself when it is remembered that grain has been literally rushed from the western states to New York for shipment at prices 40 to 50 per cent. in excess of those ruling last season, and that consequently great financial relief ought to have been experienced. The fact is that the low prices of recent years have seriously undermined values of real estate, and of everything founded thereon, in America as well as in Australia. The bank failures indicate that a readjustment is in progress. It is, however, to be hoped that the glowing anticipations of prosperity current in the United States in November will not be killed by a widespread banking crisis.

News from Washington with regard to tariff matters is to the effect that an attempt was being made by some of the Republican members of Congress, in recognition of the services rendered by the sound-money Democrats during the recent election, to take tariff revision out of politics. That is to say, they desire that the revision shall be on moderate lines, fairly acceptable to both parties. It is not expected, however, that this conciliatory policy will succeed, but that the manufacturers will as a body exercise their usual tactics to secure what they call sufficient protection. In the meantime the Republican chiefs are busily engaged in collecting data for tariff revision. With respect to wool, the position is complicated by some of the Southern Democrats, otherwise inclined to free trade, desiring a duty in order to promote the use of cotton.

The dearness of money in London, following the great exportation of gold to New York, and the cheapness of money in New York, consequent upon the receipt of the gold, and the favourable reaction following the Presidential election, have jointly had a remarkable result. London bankers and financial houses have sent bills to New York for discount to the extent of between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000, the rates being from 1 to 1½ per cent. lower than those ruling in London. Of course, one effect of these transactions would be to temporarily check the tendency for gold to continue to flow to New York. Another would be to afford some measure of relief to the London money market. By the time the bills fall due, however, the relative positions may be greatly altered.

The demand for silver in London during the week ended December 3 was quiet, and the market settled down to 29⅝d. The Calcutta quotation was 80⅞r. per 100 tolas. The Indian exchanges showed a recovery, and there was a good demand for Council drafts. On November 28 six lakhs were sold at 1/3⅞d. to 1/3 5-32d.; on November 30, nine lakhs, at 1/3 3-16d.; on December 1, three lakhs, at 1/3 7-32d.; on December 2 (by tender), about 3½ lakhs, at 1/3 3-16d. to 1/3 7-32d.; and on December 3, about four lakhs, at 1/3 7-32d. The tenders on Wednesday, December 2, amounted to only about 10½ lakhs, and it was announced that the amount for which tenders would be received on the following Wednesday would be reduced from 30 to 20 lakhs. Little further discussion took place at that time as to the possibility of gold shipments to India, though the position of the exchanges, especially in relation to the expenditure of the Government in connection with the famine, was watched with much interest. In discussing the subject on November 28, the "Statist" remarked that "if India required gold, much of the demand would probably be met by purchases of gold in Australia." The position of India in such a case would be similar to that of America during the last few months in relation to the shipments of gold from Australia to San Francisco, the gold being drawn from Australia because it is more convenient to do so than to draw it from London. Shipments of silver from London to India, China, and the Straits from January 1 to November 26 amounted to £5,599,550, against £5,720,171 for the corresponding period of 1895, the distribution comparing as follows:—India, £4,235,278, against £3,385,695; China, £721,385, against £1,030,023; Straits, £642,896, against £704,453.

A comparison of the principal headings of the quarterly return of the London Bank of Australia Limited with those for the previous quarter, is as follows:—

	Sept. Quarter. £	Dec. Quarter. £
Notes in circulation	101,429	112,892
Government deposits	261,274	278,608
Other Deposits—		
Current accounts	572,229	607,830
Fixed	1,172,538	1,177,257
Coin and bullion	537,606	635,981
Advances, &c.	2,935,304	2,884,294

WHEAT, FEED GRAINS, &c.

In reviewing the statistical position of wheat at the beginning of December, "Bradstreet's" (New York) describes the exhibit as the most bullish presentation at a corresponding date for the past six years. Including 6,548,000 bushels on the Pacific Coast (the smallest total in that district on December 1 since 1888) the total visible supply in the United States and Canada on December 1, 1896, was 82,981,000 bushels, comparing in corresponding dates in previous years as follows: — 1895, 95,964,000 bushels; 1894, 127,698,000 bushels; 1893, 107,226,000 bushels; 1892, 105,086,000 bushels; 1891, 72,948,000 bushels. The stocks available for immediate distribution in America and Europe and afloat on December 1 are summarised as follows:—

	America. Bushels.	Europe and Afloat. Bushels.	Grand Total. Bushels.
1896	82,981,000	65,504,000	148,485,000
1895	95,964,000	68,184,000	164,148,000
1894	127,698,000	56,912,000	184,610,000
1893	107,226,000	83,160,000	190,386,000
1892	105,086,000	70,728,000	175,814,000
1891	72,948,000	84,800,000	157,748,000

The quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the U.K. shows a decrease of 140,000 quarters since last week; and the quantity afloat for the Continent a decrease of 200,000 quarters. The total afloat for both destinations is now 3,470,000 quarters, against 3,219,000 quarters at the corresponding date last year, or an increase of 251,000 quarters. The American visible supply shows an increase on the week of 400,000 bushels. The total is now 73,300,000 bushels, against 98,400,000 bushels a year ago, or a decrease of 25,100,000 bushels.

The quantity of wheat in South Australia out of farmers' hands is estimated at 258,700 bushels.

The local market shows firmness, and although a small lot has been sold at 5/4½ the quotation at close is 5/5 to 5/5½. Business in town is, however, limited in volume, the bulk of the transactions occurring in the country, where Melbourne millers are frequently competing with the local millers for the meagre supplies available. Prices given in the country show considerable variation, being, relatively to Melbourne quotations, lowest in the North-east, and highest in the Wimmera. The Melbourne equivalents of the Goulburn Valley prices are 5/5½ to 5/6, and of the mallee and Wimmera prices from 5/6 to 5/9. Generally the reports of harvest results coming in from the mallee and the Wimmera are unsatisfactory, and in many places the farmers appear to be disposed to store rather than to sell. At auction this morning 1,793 bags were offered, of which 187 were sold at 5/4½, and 33 at 4/8½.

Flour.—The association rates are unaltered at £13/17/6 for country, and £14 for town roller delivered.

Bran and Pollard.—The association rates have been reduced by 1d. per bushel. Bran is now quoted at 9½d. ex rail or ex mill, and 10d. delivered, and pollard at 10½d. ex rail or ex mill, and 11d. delivered. A good business has been one in bran at the reduced price, sales of 7,500 bushels being reported.

Barley.—There is a good demand for good samples of malting barley, for which the market remains firm. At [illegible] 1,970 bags offered 641 bags [illegible] malting at 4/8, fair malting [illegible] at 4/ to 4/1, and Cape at 2/[illegible] vately, sales include 150 b[illegible] medium and 3/10 for inferior [illegible]

Oats.—Algerian oats cont[illegible] quiry at steady prices, the market being firm. At [illegible] 3,475 bags offered 1,884 bags [illegible] ing at 2/4 to 2/5, good fe[illegible] inferior to medium feed at 2/[illegible] vately, a good business ha[illegible] similar rates, comprising [illegible] feed at 2/1 to 2/3½, milling [illegible] and exceptionally prime [illegible]

Maize.—A moderate busi[ness has been] done in maize at 3/11.

Peas.—At auction 47 bags [illegible] at 4/1. Business has been [illegible] at 4/1½.

Chaff.—Arrivals of chaff [illegible] market is firmer, and sales [illegible] at £3/5/ to £3/7/6 for prim[illegible]

Hay and Straw.—The de[mand for] ing hay continues good at [illegible] Old manger hay is worth [illegible] Straw is selling at up to £[illegible] of new straw are as yet sma[illegible]

Potatoes.—The market re[illegible] at £6 for prime new potatoe[illegible]

Onions.—The tone of [illegible] firmer, prime samples bein[g illegible] to £5.

THE IMPORT MARKETS.

Sugar.—Sales to-day cover [illegible] tius ex Peru. A Mauritius [illegible] states that another vessel is [illegible] bourne, to follow the Santia[go illegible] is slightly higher and firm. [illegible] of the crop is now marketed [illegible] crop is suffering from drou[ght illegible]

Tea.—In China tea, 150 [illegible] yong have been sold at 4[illegible] there is an inquiry for fine [illegible] lon tea, 200 chests have bee[n illegible] to 8d.; and of Indians, 200 [illegible] to 7d. On Thursday, 14th [illegible] Fraser and Co. will offer 8[illegible] dian, on account of Messrs. [illegible] Co.

Dried Fruits.—A consider[able illegible] currants is cabled from Lo[ndon illegible] the market is quiet at 4½d. [illegible] 1½d. f.o.b. Sultanas contin[illegible] London prices for elemes ar[illegible] business. Dates are selling [illegible] Mildura apricots have had a [illegible] attention. The Mildura Tru[illegible] prices at 5½d. and 8½d., [illegible] grade.

Fish.—A good business ha[s been done in] fresh salmon, sales covering [illegible] Alaska at and up to 7/3. Mor[illegible] rings, with tomato sauce, hav[illegible] at 7/9. A moderate parcel [illegible] oysters has been sold. Salt [illegible] had business at 3½d.

Sundries.—A parcel of 20 [illegible] cream of tartar has been pla[ced illegible] fair business has been done [illegible] milk, as well as in B. and M. [illegible] Of Falcon fine salt, 100 t[illegible] placed.

Liquors.—Sales reported i[illegible] ters Bacot brandy, 250 cases [illegible] and 200 cases Beaver stout.

Jute Goods.—Of cornsacks, [illegible] been placed for export at [illegible] Bran bags have had busines[s illegible]

Metals and Hardware.—Th[illegible] rally continues to be quiet. [illegible] 200 boxes have been sold a[illegible] parcel of 14 G. barbed wire h[illegible] Further business has been [illegible] silver to the extent of 15 bot[illegible]

Oils.—Castor is a shade ea[sier illegible] has been made on spot at [illegible] continue to go out at 3/6. L[illegible] tively inquired for. The fol[lowing illegible] Messrs. H. W. Peabody and [illegible] ters and Importers' Journa[l illegible] York, Dec. 5:—

"Kerosene.—Contrary to general [illegible] market has been a declining one [illegible] 11, when a drop of 10 points [illegible] total reduction since our last [illegible] gallon, making present cost of [illegible] lots, 7.45c. On this basis we q[illegible] screw, in 1,000 case lots, packed [illegible] lons to the case, for Australasian [illegible] American gallon, or with four [illegible] Packed 2-5 American gallons to th[illegible] American or South African marke[t illegible] nozzle, 10.40c. Turpentine.—The [illegible] article has been a quiet one, wit[illegible] values, though present quotation [illegible] per gallon lower than a month a[go illegible] this basis we advise the purchas[e illegible] stock as may be required during [illegible] four months, believing that hold[illegible] opportunity to advance the mark[et illegible] vent of the new crop. Rosin.—[illegible] there has been little change, F an[illegible] still quoted at about 1.95 and 2[illegible] though with orders in hand these [illegible] lably be shaded somewhat. Q[illegible] grades will be found, as usual, in [illegible] columns, and buyers will note a s[illegible] pales. Lard and Lard Oil.—We [illegible] ment of a month ago that, notwith[standing illegible] costs are very low, we can see no [illegible] pate any sharp advance for some ti[me illegible] to-day's figures on lard are below [illegible] time of last writing. Quotations [illegible] main unchanged, but on large ord[ers illegible] sions have been made. Cottonse[ed illegible] is dull, and on the high grade oil [illegible] though we can report no actual c[illegible] We quote:—Pure salad oil, Unic[illegible] prime winter white oil, Union br[and illegible] winter yellow oil, Union brand, 3[illegible] A.C.O. Co. brand, 30c.; prime sum[mer illegible] A.C.O. Co. brand, 29c.; prime sum[mer illegible] A.C.O. Co. brand, 30c.; Sun br[and illegible] 'Electra' miners' winter white oil, [illegible]"

AUCTIONEERS' REPORTS.

The following auctioneers' reports have been received:—

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. Lim[ited report illegible] usual weekly sale of grain to-day, [illegible] a catalogue of close on 3,000 bags [illegible] tions to a large attendance of the [illegible] petition was fairly brisk through[out illegible] Prime new, 5/5; fair to good, 5/3 [illegible] up to 5/2. Oats were in good [illegible] whites, ordinary feed, 2/3 to 2/4; [illegible] milling, 2/4½; fair to good feed, [illegible] inferior, up to 2/2. Barley. — [illegible] operating more freely, and prime [illegible] 4/9; fair to good ruled from 4/3 [illegible] to medium, 3/3 to 4/; feed, up to [illegible] to 2/9. Maize, 3/11 for prime [illegible] to 4/1."

The New Zealand Loan and Mer[cantile Agency] Company Limited held their usual [weekly sale of] grain yesterday, when they submitte[d a] logue of 3,080 bags. There wa[s an unusually] crowded attendance of the trade, [illegible] tition all round showed improve[ment illegible] no new lots were offered, all the [illegible] moment being for storage. The [illegible] mitted did not meet with adequ[ate illegible] and was accordingly withdrawn. [illegible] from 5/4¼ to 5/5, and old, nominal[ly illegible] were in good request, and with [illegible] was cleared. Algerians sold from [illegible] up to 2/5 for prime. They quote [illegible] to 2/3. Tartarians were passed in [illegible] fair to good samples were in str[ong illegible] auction. Interior and weevily so[ld illegible] malting at 4/ to 4/1, and up to [illegible] prime was offered, and they quote [illegible] realised 2/10½. Dun mulling three [illegible] freely at 4/1.

The Victorian Farmers' Loan an[d Agency Com]pany Limited report as follows:—[We held our] opening sale for 1897 to-day, whe[n we submitted] a fairly representative catalogue [to a first-class] attendance of the trade. Competiti[on for all lines] was animated, and we disposed of [the bulk of our] offerings. Wheat.—We quote mar[ket firm, but] quiet, at 5/4½ to 5/5; fair, 5/3½ [illegible] 5/2½ to 5/3; old (1895-6) is nom[inally at 5/9.] Oats.—Stouts are firm at 3/5; sup[illegible] ticularly prime lots have brought [illegible] gerians, milling, 2/4 to 2/4½; fair [illegible] 2/3 to 2/3½; inferior to medium, 2/[illegible] prime line of 100 bags realised 2/8. [illegible] and late quotations are well main[tained illegible] has fair inquiry from 3/9 to 3/1[illegible] sample. Peas (dune) are scarce, w[illegible] shire Heroes quiet, nominal val[ue illegible] Linseed.—Late quotations range fr[om illegible] £11 per ton. Beans (Canadian W[illegible] sale, 5/ to 5/6, nominal value. B[illegible] prime lots are wanted and scarce [illegible] 5/; medium to fair, 3/9 to 4/2; inf[illegible] is worth 2/9 to 2/10, market very fi[rm illegible]"

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

The revenue collected at the Custom-house this day amounted to £10,135/13/2; wharfage, £602/10/6; contingen[t illegible] £105/3/8; pilotage, £147/13/6. Total, £1[0,991/0/10.]

INTERCOLONIAL MARKETS.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

Wheat is nominally 4/9 to [illegible] new, £12/10/; old, £13. Baker[s illegible] 11. Flour, off in anticipation of a declin[e illegible] are holding firm at £21. A good parcel [illegible] Sugar sold at £20/10/. 100 bales o[f illegible] Mauritius changed hands on private te[rms illegible] cornsacks bags, 3/6½. Bar iron, £8 basis, [illegible] iron, £9. Tin-plates, 12/3. 1,00[0 illegible] Horseshoe moor cement, 10/6. Kerosene, [illegible] casks Lem[illegible] 3/1½. Quicksilver, 2/. Turps, [illegible] 92d. Castor [illegible]

A fairly brisk business wa[s done in] produce to-day. Maize, pr[ime illegible] passing in weevily, 1/6 to 1/8. Oats, 2/4 t[o illegible] 1/10; 7½d. to 7¾d. Pollard, 7½d. [illegible] 2/5. Bran, manian, £4 to £4/5/; Melbou[rne illegible] Chaff, Tasmanian, to £3/15/; local prime green, [illegible] £1/10/; £5; medium, £4 to £4/7/6. [illegible] £4/12/6 to Early Rose, £2 to £2/5/; [illegible] Potatoes, [illegible] Scrubies and

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ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Very little business is passing in the breadstuffs market, sellers holding out for higher prices; but at the moment buyers show no disposition to advance beyond 5s. 7d. At Port Adelaide, at which the market is firm, flour and offal prices are unchanged. Nothing of consequence is doing in the import markets.

Dunedin oats were without animation, prime milling being 2/0½ to 2/0¾; good to best feed, 1/11½ to 2/0½; medium, 1/9½ to 1/10½.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1897.

The very weighty and purposeful speech by the Duke of DEVONSHIRE, published in our columns yesterday, deserves the earnest attention of the colonies generally—especially of the Australian colonies. A considerable part of the address is in fact plainly spoken for the ears of Australians. The Duke, whose influence in the Cabinet is as great as his share in administrative detail is small, has evidently been commissioned by his colleagues to speak the mind of the Home Government upon the all-important question of Imperial defence. And there is no statesman whose sound judgment and disinterested motives better entitle him to an attentive hearing. In the references to the agreement which called the Australasian Auxiliary Squadron into existence—an arrangement which will shortly come up for review—two points are especially noticeable. Firstly, the speaker emphasised the value which Great Britain set upon this agreement, not only on account of the increase to her naval forces involved, but because it was the first practical step taken towards federation for Imperial defence. Secondly, he made it clear that while the Government attaches great importance to the renewal "in "some form" of the arrangement, its terms are open to revision.

Reading between the lines it is easy to see that the Duke more than hints at the necessity of such revision from the Imperial point of view. Unless we are mistaken, the conveyance of this hint was one main purpose of his speech. There have been several indications of late that some such intimation was coming. When Admiral BRIDGE took command upon this station a year or two ago one of his first public utterances contained an expression of surprise at the narrow view of naval strategy which would confine vessels intended for the defence of Australia to a rigidly limited area defined as Australian waters. Such a regulation, said the admiral, would be disastrous in the case of a nervous commander, who might shelter himself under it when his manifest duty was to seek the enemy farther afield and bring him to action. We have since heard ridiculous protests because one of the Auxiliary Squadron cruisers was despatched to a Pacific island where trouble was feared, although the delimitation of the Australian station, which extends far to the eastward of Samoa, is evidently intended to embrace, roughly speaking, the whole of Melanesia. In fact, the attitude of a section of the Australian public towards this Auxiliary Squadron—the happiest bargain the colonies ever struck—sadly needs amending. When the vessels were completed we began by objecting to their names—a small matter certainly—and they were courteously rechristened in accordance with our wishes. No sooner did they arrive than Victoria grew sore over the action of Lord CHARLES SCOTT in laying up two cruisers and a gunboat, oblivious of article 6 of the agreement, which specifically provides that only three of the five cruisers and one of the two gunboats are to be kept in commission. It is not too much to say that since then several of the colonies have been accustomed to think of and speak of these vessels as though they were toy steamers maintained for regatta purposes. They are too much in Sydney (which was the naval depôt on this station long before the Auxiliary Squadron was thought of), too little in New Zealand, at Adelaide, or at Melbourne—except during the Cup season. Critics have even estimated jealously the amount of pocket money spent by officers and crews at the naval headquarters, and the disproportionate share of spectacular benefit which Sydney derives from the arrangement. It is time we came to a better understanding both on these trivialities and the more important point raised by Admiral BRIDGE—a matter upon which his views are certain to have been made known to the Admiralty.

The Duke of DEVONSHIRE was at pains to show that the Colonial Defence Committee had carefully thought out the problem of protecting England's widely-scattered colonies, and to give a very explicit statement of the scheme. Broadly speaking, the British Government saddles itself with the responsibility and the British taxpayer burdens himself with the expense of defending the world-wide empire against what is described as "organised "invasion." From purely raiding expeditions ports of the magnitude of Sydney or Melbourne are not unreasonably expected to protect themselves. The official exposition is worth quoting:—

"The maintenance of sea supremacy has been assumed as the basis of the system of Imperial defence against attack from over the sea. This is the determining factor in shaping the whole of the defensive policy of the empire, and is fully recognised by the Admiralty, who have accepted the responsibility of protecting all British territory abroad against organised invasion from the sea. To fulfil this great charge they claim the absolute power of disposing of their forces in the manner they consider the most certain to secure success, and object to limiting the action of any part of them to the immediate neighbourhood of places which they consider may be more effectively protected by operations at a distance. It is recognised, however, that Her Majesty's ships, engaged in hunting out and destroying the squadron of an enemy, may not be in a position to prevent the predatory raids of hostile cruisers on British ports. But in no case could a greater force than a few thousand men be collected and conveyed without such arrangements and preparations as would bring the operations under the category of those which the navy has undertaken to prevent."

The undertaking is surely a generous one; but the ring of decision in the claim of the Admiralty to dispose of its forces in war time as it deems best, is not to be overlooked. The claim is endorsed to the fullest extent by the British press, and we shall probably find it urged shortly that the present agreement needs amendment in this respect. In fact, an examination of the wording of the document goes far to bear out this contention. The squadron is "to be em-"ployed for the protection of the float-"ing trade in Australasian waters," and is only to move beyond these limits "with the consent of the colonial "Governments." How, it may be asked, is our floating trade to be secured? Does it only exist within these limits? Is it a coastal and Pacific island trade only? Can vessels to and from Australia only be endangered or attacked when they come south of Borneo and New Guinea, westward of the Cook Islands, or eastward of the 95th degree E. longitude? No one, upon reflection, will be so foolish as to maintain this theory. While an enemy patrols the sea in strength within or beyond these boundaries there is no safety for Australian commerce. The contract into which Great Britain enters for her empire's defence can only be adequately performed upon the lines which the Duke of DEVONSHIRE's speech sets out.

It is well that we should harbour no delusions upon a question which affects, not ourselves alone, but the general interests of the empire. For, as the Duke of DEVONSHIRE says, the end of the movement of which this squadron is the important first step is to make available for Imperial defence in time of need the whole resources both of Great Britain and her colonies. Those who undervalue the protection we now enjoy may demur at this prospect, but they will be the unreflecting few. England is justly proud of her colonies. They add lustre to her name, but also weight to her burden of empire. And in the eyes of some she is already the "weary Titan." But what to England is a source of national pride is to Australia a matter of life and death. The Imperial tie is her one strand of safety. Were that severed, the continent, with its few million inhabitants, would simply be the prey of the first great colonising power which found the leisure and the inclination to seize it. If the account is to be fairly adjusted, both the debtor and creditor sides must be considered.

Curious and amusing are the ways of the retrogressive party which seeks to keep the mass of our people at the mercy of rings of monopolistic manufacturers who comfortably arrange amongst themselves the prices which they will extort from the general consumers. In order to lend crutches to a tottering cause the home press is ransacked for any sensational account of British poverty, and some particular case having been found, it is gloated over and astutely enlarged upon until there is produced the desired impression that the fictitious picture is true of large sections of the British wage-earners. Then the moral is unctuously drawn, and Victorians are warned to avoid free trade as they would a deadly poison. Very naturally it is pointed out that if there are individual cases of poverty to be picked out in free-trade countries, equally distressing cases are to be found here. Upon this the hysterical advocates of restriction cry out, "Listen to these unpatriotic "detractors of our colony! They have "the vile audacity to gloat over the "misfortunes from which our workers "are suffering. Observe how they de-"light to run down our own country; "see how persistently they endeavour to "belittle it!" The iniquity of pointing out that there is anything wrong with our own colony—our own protectionist colony—is of monstrous proportions, it would appear. But all this ridiculous rodomontade, supremely absurd on the face of it, is scarcely likely to be taken seriously. Indeed, the party which now indulges in it is the most vociferous in its exaggerated accounts of Victorian poverty and misery when the question of anti-sweating legislation is under consideration. At such a time, and for their own purposes, they think fit to paint in very tragic fashion the woes of our sweated workers, but if it is ventured to remind them of this when they are concerned to show the wretchedness of workers in free-trade countries only, their indignation boils over. Such a liberty is unpardonable, and they loudly assert that their opponents can only be moved by a malignant desire to represent our colony in as unfavourable a light as possible.

It is, of course, but too true that every country has its burden of misery and destitution, and the true task of sound statesmanship must always be the effort to bring about those conditions under which the volume of want and degradation will naturally shrink to the smallest possible dimensions. In the older countries of the world many causes have contributed to swell the number of those who live either wholly or partly on the contributions of their fellows. Of these causes, possibly one of the most potent is unwise legislation. Thus the old English poor law worked an incalculable amount of mischief, which will perhaps be counteracted only after some generations of steady progress. And even now the baneful effects of that kindly-intentioned but mistaken law are apparent, great though the advance in the material condition of the poor has been during the past few decades. Another factor tending to aggravate the dependent position of the poor in long-settled countries is undue density of the population. Up to a certain limit, and supposing that the development of enterprise and commerce advances pari passu, increase of population must tend to advance the general prosperity. But when that limit is passed the excessive growth of numbers is the means of increasing pauperism and retarding progress. These considerations apply to the countries of the old world, and they serve to explain the reason of the emigration which for some generations past has gone on from the old to the young countries of the world, with advantage to all the countries concerned.

But when we consider the newer lands, such as America and these colonies, how different are the conditions! They have not been long enough settled to bring on themselves any very great and long-lasting evils through persistent legislative wrong-doing. At the very commencement of their existence they enjoyed the enormous advantage of attracting to themselves the pick of the muscle and brain of the older countries, and their enormous natural resources offered an ample and most lucrative field for the activity of the enterprising and energetic colonists they secured. So far from being troubled by any excess of population, a plentiful supply of able and virile workers has all along been their chief want. Their magnificent stores of latent mineral, pastoral, and agricultural wealth have simply been lying waiting for the time when population should have so increased as to permit of their development. In these countries of enormous extent and great natural advantages the poverty of the old world should be almost unknown. Yet we find in America poor laws for the relief of both indoor and outdoor paupers, and we know from the accounts of English labour leaders that the degradation of the poor in New York and Chicago is far worse than in the British metropolis.

And it may well be asked why is it that the slums of London are "palaces "compared to the slums of New "York"? We see in the States a distribution of riches vastly more unequal than in Great Britain. America is par excellence the land of multi-millionaires, and yet its poorest classes are in a more wretched state than those of the British Isles. Unquestionably one of the contributory agencies bringing about this state of things is the mistaken fiscal policy America has adopted, which makes it a comparatively easy thing for prodigiously wealthy corporations to combine and control the market preparatory to "grinding the "faces of the poor" by charging monopoly prices for the goods they vend. And this is the kind of thing which the reactionary party in Victoria support. It is little to be wondered at that a like policy has entailed somewhat similar results among ourselves. That we have undeserved destitution among us none can deny—except those who will deny anything which does not suit their present purpose. And seeing that our colony has extent, wealth of natural riches, and youth all in its favour, thoughtful men should look for the cause which, in spite of these advantages, produces poverty and misery in our midst. That cause would appear to be the same with us as with the Americans, and it is one which can and must be removed.

Our New Zealand correspondent telegraphs that Lord and Lady Brassey visited Invercargill yesterday, and were formally welcomed by the mayor. Lord Brassey delivered a short address on the "Unity of the Empire." The vice-regal party have proceeded to Milford Sound, where they will probably meet Lord and Lady Glasgow.

The effect of the disastrous tornado that swept the town of Nevertire, and left but three damaged houses standing, is illustrated in "The Australasian" this week by four photographs of the wrecked buildings taken by Mr. M'Donald, of Nevertire. The ruined Catholic Church, stove-in brick building, smashed business places, and cleared streets illustrated will enable readers to realise that terrible 10 minutes which the inhabitants of Nevertire believed to be the beginning of the end of all things. From these pictures of ruin and disaster, it is a relief to turn to the views of Terang races taken on New Year's Day, the great racing picnic of the Western district. There were 1,200 persons present, and the photo. etchings depict chiefly the social aspect of the function. A full page is occupied by a splendid flashlight photograph by "Talma and Co.," Swanston-street, of the Methodist Ladies' College "At Home," which took place in the Town-hall on the occasion of the annual speech day and distribution of prizes. Cricketers (at the wicket) include O'Halloran, R. Homburg, A. Evans, M. Roche, and B. Bailey. A portrait of Mr. John Thornton, the only surviving member of the Victorian intercolonial team 1859-60 is also added. A pair of interesting thoroughbreds are Culzean and O'Trigger, winners of the Standish and Bagot Handicaps. Sorrento is the picturesque Port Phillip of the issue, the back beach, esplanade, and Sorrento from the steamer making pretty pictures. An illustrated article on picturesque Tasmania recounts an interesting ride amongst some charming scenery. Four pictures from "The Australasian" competitions, and a child study by "Eden," Collins-street, complete a most entertaining and varied issue. The country edition can be obtained this morning.

Before the Postmaster-General leaves on his New Zealand trip he will consult with his colleagues as to the questions which are to be reported upon by a committee of the Cabinet. The main subject will doubtless be the working of the telephone system. Mr. Duffy states that he has gone into this matter, and has his own ideas as to what should be done, but an independent inquiry has been deemed advisable, in order that the public mind may be set at rest in regard to this and other subjects which have caused so much agitation of late. The personnel of the committee has yet to be arranged.

A correspondent has drawn attention to the fact that the new railway metal passes are only being issued for single lines, and suggests that they should also be provided for regular travellers on two or more lines. It is explained on behalf of the department that the aim has been to avoid a multiplicity of different kinds of passes, and to carry out the view of our correspondent additional dies would have to be made. There are so few people using passes for more than one line that it was not thought worth while to have special metal passes prepared for them. If, however, there be a strong desire on their part to be furnished with these passes in place of the ordinary leather ones, steps may be taken to accommodate them. The commissioner has promised that the matter shall receive consideration.

Notwithstanding the stringent regulation against sending explosives through the post, such articles as cartridges and matches are often discovered in the mails. Except in cases where some malevolent intention is suspected, they are simply put on one side and confiscated. A suspicious-looking packet was examined at the General Post-office recently, but it proved a "sell." Though it consisted of a large number of ordinary match-boxes the lucifers they contained were imitations, and could not be ignited. They were therefore allowed to pass, and no doubt the person to whom they were sent from the old country has had his little Christmas joke in distributing them among his smoking friends. The transmission of live animals by post is also forbidden, and when, as not infrequently happens, they make their appearance in the mail-bags, they receive no quarter. The other day a young snake had to be taken from a bottle and despatched. An exception is made in favour of bees, perforated bags being provided for them, and judging from the large number that are transmitted from Melbourne bee-keeping is becoming a favourite pursuit in the colony.

The inefficiency of the methods adopted by the Government to eradicate the phylloxera formed the main subject of the business discussed yesterday afternoon by the Viticultural Board. The subject was brought up on a motion by the chairman, Mr. T. Craike, which recommended that a thorough inspection should be made of all the vineyards in the colony, and that if the pest were found to have spread to the Rutherglen, Goulburn Valley, or Great Western Districts, a revision should be made of the present policy of the Government, with a view to the reconstitution of the vineyards, by planting them with American phylloxera-resisting vines. He admitted that in eradicating the Geelong vineyards the Government had taken the proper steps, and he disclaimed any desire to interfere with the work which is now being carried out at Bendigo, but he insisted that if the vineyards of the whole colony had to be dealt with, the only possible course would be to allow replanting with phylloxera-proof vines. Mr. T. Blayney, who seconded the motion, suggested that the Government should give a bonus for replanting vineyards. Mr. French, the Government entomologist, had given an assurance that it was perfectly possible to grow the American vines from seed, the only trouble being that the young plants needed to be carefully protected from bees. In support of this statement, Mr. P. Castilla remarked that Mr. Neilson had grown more than 10,000 of the young plants from seed, and that not only were they phylloxera proof, but that they possessed perfect immunity from the attacks of grasshoppers. The motion was carried unanimously.

"The Government have proved themselves absolutely incapable of grappling with the phylloxera pest." This was the sweeping verdict with which Mr. Craike summed up the situation at the meeting of the Viticultural Board yesterday. The members had agreed upon the necessity for reconstituting the affected vineyards by planting them with American vines instead of rooting them up, lock, stock, and barrel. But here arose a difference. Mr. J. Williams maintained, tooth and nail, that the idea of replanting the vineyards by the slow process of raising the shoots from seed was utterly out of the question. Mr. Castilla, on the other hand, was equally energetic in his aversion to the importation of cuttings, owing to the danger of their introducing fresh phylloxera germs. He contended that the experience of 25 years in France had proved that raising the vines from seed was not only thoroughly successful, but absolutely safe. Eventually, with Mr. Williams's consent, it was decided to ask the secretary for Agriculture to state the quantity and varieties of phylloxera-resisting vines that were at present available for planting in the colony.

Tenders for certain supplies of coal to the Government were yesterday accepted, the result being that, in accordance with the Ministerial policy, practically the whole competition was limited to the Gippsland mines. The tenders were apportioned under three main heads—steam coal (Victorian), household and smith's coal and coke (Victorian), and steam coal (imported), the latter having reference to some 1,300 odd tons of coal required for use in Hobson's Bay and the other naval depots, which the engineers reported must imperatively be supplied from Newcastle. So soon as this was made known, the Coal Creek Company entered an energetic protest, declaring that they were able to supply a coal in every way equal, if not superior, to the New South Wales article. Sir George Turner, finding himself thus enclosed between two fires, suggested a somewhat reluctant compromise. Tenders, he arranged, were to be invited from both New South Wales and Victorian mines, and the samples supplied were to be exposed to a test. The result was that the tender for 400 tons of coal for the Cerberus and other vessels employed in the Government service (exclusive of dredgers) fell to Messrs. James Paterson and Co., who were the rival tenderers with the Coal Creek Company, and whose quotation was 14/6 per ton. The remaining steam coal (imported) tenders fell to the Jumbunna Company, at prices ranging from 15/6 to 18/. All the tenders in the Victorian sections were divided between the Jumbunna and Coal Creek mines, the prices ranging from 14/3 to £1 per ton.

In "The Argus" of yesterday some details were given of the mode in which it is proposed to allocate the advances authorised under the Mines Development Act. It is now suggested that in connection with the establishment of crushing batteries a cyanide plant should be attached to such battery in cases where refractory ores have to be dealt with, and where it is believed that the cyanide process would give better results. It is stated that no great cost would be entailed, as a cyanide plant in connection with a five-head stamp battery could be erected at a cost of about £100. Experts have come to the conclusion that if this idea were adopted it

would prove of the greatest value in familiarising the cyanide process among working miners, who have hitherto viewed it with rather doubtful eyes.

The grant of £7,000 made under the provisions of the Treasury Bonds Bill for the purpose of making roads in fifth and sixth class shires has for some time been available for allocation, but owing to some unaccountable apathy on the part of the shires concerned few applications for a share in the money available have yet been received. Mr. Taverner, the Minister of Works, is anxious that the works should be entered upon without delay, and he desires that shires wishing to participate in the grant should at once forward to him plans of the roads required by the different shires, and also particulars of their urgency in order of relative importance.

Mr. Stirling, the Government geologist, will shortly commence a microscopical examination of the gold-bearing dykes of the colony, on the lines formerly adopted by Mr. Howitt. In the course of this work he will go over the whole auriferous areas of the colony, and endeavour to properly classify all the dykes, so that their relative importance in gold-bearing value may be determined at a glance by reference to the maps. The result of Mr. Stirling's examination is expected to be of the utmost importance to working miners and prospectors, who will be able to satisfy themselves beforehand of the particular kind of dyke from which they may expect the best results, instead of, as at present, neglecting many kinds of which little is known.

A circular has been issued by the Federal Council of Rifle Associations, asking the various associations to take into consideration the proposal to send an Australian rifle team to England. It is pointed out that the idea that Australia should be represented at the Bisley meeting has always been popular, and has excited still increased interest since the Queen's Prize in 1895 was carried off by the Canadian shot Hayhurst. For some years Canada has sent a team of 20 men to compete at Bisley, and the council of the Dominion Rifle Association has promised to extend a warm welcome to any team sent to England from Australia. The circular goes on to point out the advantages of taking concerted action in the matter. As at present arranged, a team of 40 non-commissioned officers and men of the New South Wales Mounted Rifles will visit England in order to take part in the manœuvres at Aldershot, in addition to competing at the military tournament at the Agricultural-hall, Islington. As they intend also to enter for the competitions at the Bisley meeting, it is hoped that Victoria may be represented, as this would considerably strengthen the Australian party.

The question of increasing wages reduced by resolution dated April the 11th, 1894, was raised at the meeting of the Harbour Trust yesterday by Commissioner Treganowan. This resolution, so far as it applied to wages paid to the trust's employes engaged on plant, was rescinded, and Commissioner Treganowan then moved that the wages of all the employes engaged on plant except masters and engineers be raised to certain specified amounts. This was seconded by Commissioner Mountain and carried by a large majority. Commissioner Blyth objected to the proposal, on the ground that the circumstances of the trust and of the colony did not justify the increases. He contended that if the trust's employes were not satisfied with their wages they should leave their employment and go elsewhere. The reductions made in April, 1894, were about 25 per cent., and the increases made yesterday are about 12½ per cent.

Our Lorne correspondent telegraphs that Mr. Reid, the Premier of New South Wales, is at present staying at the Grand Pacific Hotel there, and has booked his rooms for some time. Mrs. Reid and one of his two children, who accompany him, have been ordered to the seaside for a change, and Mr. Reid has chosen Lorne, where he has stayed before, and which is a favourite place with him, to afford them the change desired.

The mails despatched from Melbourne by the R.M.S. Ballarat on the 1st December arrived in London on the night of the 3rd inst.

We have received from Mr. M. L. Hutchinson, of Little Collins-street, the "Christmas Double Number of The Woman at Home," an excellent high-class magazine, edited by Annie S. Swan. The principal article is on "The Daughters of Queen Victoria," which is fully illustrated with interesting portraits. Mr. Hutchinson also sends "Horner's Xmas Number," with a coloured supplement.

A marine excursion to Mornington, organised by the United Public Service Association, will be held on Saturday next. The steamer Hygeia has been chartered for the occasion, and will leave the Port Melbourne pier at half-past 11 a.m. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the committee, at the Public Offices, or on the pier before the boat leaves. The Police Band will accompany the steamer, and a programme of sports, &c., will be provided in the local park.

If anything were wanting to convince our Victorian workmen that "Golden South Africa" is very far from being so golden as it is painted, the extract from the "Cape Times," which we print in another column, should be amply sufficient to supply the want. The extract gives the experiences of an English worker, told in his own words, who was beguiled into trying the Rand with the object of bettering his fortunes. Especially should Victorians who perhaps with some reason, are becoming somewhat disgusted with their own colony note what this English workingman says about the state of the labour market on the Rand. "There were," says he, "hundreds of men idle, willing to work, but unable to get anything to do." Utterly unable to procure any employment in Johannesburg, this poor fellow laboriously trudged the whole of the way back to Cape Town—a weary journey of upwards of 800 miles. And this largely through a country peopled by Dutchmen, not altogether inclined to be so hospitable towards Englishmen as might be wished. When at last he did reach Cape Town he found things very little better, and was glad to get the chance of working his way home again in a sailing ship.

For the Rev. John MacNeil memorial fund we have received the following additional subscriptions:—The Rev. J. Garde, 10/6; D. Murray, 5/; A. Gerrand, 2/; S. Lees, 2/6; D. Macindy, 2/6; D. Masson, 1/; H. Kiss, 2/; E. Allendyce, 2/; A. Morison, 2/6; Miss Jessie Morison, 2/6; Miss Flora Morison, 2/6; total, £1/15/. These amounts were collected by Mr. Alex. Morison, of Maffra.

We have received £25 from A.L.O.E. for the Church of England Home for Children, in response to the appeal recently made by General Downes.

Messrs. M'Inerney and M'Inerney are in receipt of a cable from Mr. W. Maloney, M.L.A., stating that it is his intention to return to Melbourne at once.

The Tramway Employes Military Band will perform a selection of music at the South Melbourne beach this evening from 8 to 10.

The total number of visitors to the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria during the month of December was 39,243, of whom 25,888 visited the Library.

Messrs. Baylee and Co. will sell by auction to-day furniture and furnishings in the estate of the late Dr. Forster, of South Melbourne.

Messrs. Pleasance and Graham will sell by auction to-day household furniture, effects, office desk, counters, fireproof safes, &c.

TO-DAY'S ARRANGEMENTS.

Plate-glass Insurance Co., 58 Temple-court, noon.
League of Victorian Wheelmen, meeting, Port Phillip Hotel, 8.
Law Courts. See Law Notices on page 5.
Auction Sales. See Abstract on page 2.

LAW NOTICES (This Day).

PRACTICE COURT.

Mr. Justice A'Beckett will take urgent court and chamber business at half-past 10 o'clock.

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

Has become famous on its merits as a stimulant of the finest quality, and is well-known throughout the world. Avoid counterfeits.—[Advt.]

HEALTH AND STRENGTH

Are permanently secured to Infants using NESTLE'S SWISS MILK. It is strongly recommended by doctors, being made from the purest cow's milk only.—[Advt.]

AT WALLACH'S ESTATE SALE.

Wardrobes, plate-glass doors	£3	7	6
Vienna Cane Chairs	0	4	8
Housemaid's Steps, five-tread	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Flock Mattresses, full double	0	8	6

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 232 to 244 Elizabeth-street.

STAMP FRAUDS.

ROBBING THE POST-OFFICE.

PHILATELY UP TO DATE.

A NEW USE FOR SALTS OF LEMON.

Detective Macmanamny has again been inquiring into matters of interest to the Postal authorities, and has succeeded in placing on record some revelations of a remarkable and startling character, which will probably lead to a radical alteration in the regulations for the manufacture and sale of stamps within the colony. He has shown that wholesale frauds are possible, and have been perpetrated with the greatest ease, and that in a department where much money may be made or lost the authorities are at the mercy of any man who cared to set to work in a dishonest way, with no more expensive stock-in-trade than a bundle of cancelled stamps, and a common acid.

The Philatelic Society, through some of its members, just woke to the fact that something was wrong by finding that valuable stamps, which they had considered obsolete and rare, were turning up frequently, and even unused. The Postal authorities were communicated with, and asked for an explanation, and they at once concluded that a fraud was being worked somewhere. Just about that time a stamp collector named Mouldon sold a quantity of stamps to a member of the Philatelic Society. These were found to be stamps which had been submitted to a process, and cleaned after cancellation. The stamps were returned to Mouldon, who is blind, and he in turn sent them back to the man from whom he had purchased them—Thomas Webb, a stamp dealer and printer, of the Eastern Arcade. In the meantime Webb had sent to the Post-office for exchange one £10 and one £2 duty stamp, both of which were apparently unused. Knowing that some peculiar fraud was being worked in the stamp business, the officer in charge did not immediately exchange the stamps, but told off Detective White, of the Post-office, to interview Webb. The interview took place, but White could get nothing from Webb which was important to the investigation, and it was apparently dropped. The two stamps and a number of others of smaller value were submitted for analysis to Mr. C. R. Blackett, who found that nearly all of them had been tampered with. Acid had been used to cleanse from them the ink stains, and so thoroughly had the cleansing been done that the difference could not be detected, even with the aid of a strong glass. The application of acids in the laboratory alone sufficed to show traces of the obliterated ink.

When it was ascertained beyond doubt that the fraud was being perpetrated, Detective Macmanamny was specially detailed for the task of clearing away the mystery, and of bringing the offenders to justice. The detective sent a man to Webb's shop in the arcade to purchase stamps, but the man did not succeed in his mission, and Macmanamny went himself on the 4th December. He skilfully played the stamp dealer for a while to ascertain whether he was known. Finding he was not, he bought some unused Victorian stamps, and then asked for others of more value. Webb said he had none at the shop, but believed he had some at his private residence, and would bring them in next day if he could. Macmanamny agreed to call again on the following morning, and upon making the visit was supplied with the stamps he desired. He bought 16/ worth, and for the sake of evidence got a receipt, which read:—"Received 16/11 for 11 unused Victorian obsolete stamps, and one New South Wales stamp.—T. Webb." All of these stamps were submitted to Mr. Blackett for analysis, and nine out of the eleven were found to have been cleansed by acid after having been used.

The matter was reported to the Attorney-General, and on Tuesday the Crown solicitor was asked for his opinion as to the merits of the case. He stated without hesitation that the evidence justified an arrest under a section of the Postal Act which provides a penalty of up to 15 years for being in unlawful possession of stamps from which writing has been obliterated. The section is a stringent one, and casts the onus of the proof of lawful possession upon the accused. Fortified by the opinion of Mr. Guinness, Macmanamny paid another visit to Webb, taking with him marked money, so that there should be no loop-hole of escape for the stamp vendor. Four more stamps—treated with acid—were purchased for 15/, and each of the coins paid to make up the amount was marked peculiarly under the eye of the Queen—the detective facetiously observing, as he subsequently drew attention to this fact, that many things were done under the eye of the Queen without the fact being patent at the time. The case was now complete, and Macmanamny secured warrants for the arrest of Webb and for the searching of his premises, and armed with these summarily wound up the investigation last evening. Detective-sergeant Ward and Detective M'Williams were in Macmanamny's company at the time, and Webb was not a little astonished when he learned the reason of Macmanamny's sudden devotion to philately, and his lavish expenditure of money for obsolete stamps. At first he denied the charge laid against him, but when the marked money was turned out of his pockets, and he was informed of the chemical experiments which had been made with his stamps, he owned up, and made the following confession:—

THE CONFESSION.

In his confession, Thomas Webb states:—"I am a printer and stamp dealer, carrying on business at 18 Eastern Arcade, off Bourke-street, Melbourne. I remember seeing in a book I was reading that ink marks could be erased from stamps by salts of lemon — a teaspoonful to a teacup of water. By allowing the stamps to remain soaking in the solution, the ink marks upon them would disappear. I tried to see how it would act, and I found in certain cases it was impossible with the naked eye to notice any difference between the cancelled stamps so treated and the unused stamps. Finding it so successful the idea came to my mind that I would treat cancelled stamps as above stated, and sell them over the counter as "unused" to collectors.

"About July, 1896, I sold to a stamp collector named Mouldon, who is a blind man, about £20 worth of Victorian unused and used stamps. The latter went through the solution. I got their face value, less 10 per cent. Some time after selling Mouldon the stamps he called on me and stated that he had been informed that some of the stamps had been cancelled and afterwards cleaned. I did not wish to get into any trouble, and therefore repaid Mouldon for the stamps.

"I also remember that, about the month of July last year, I sold to the distributer of stamps at the G.P. Office, Melbourne, about £3/16/ worth of 'used' stamps treated by me in the solution, and sold by me at face value, less 5 per cent. I also remember in October, 1896, forwarding to the comptroller of stamps, G.P. Office, Melbourne, two stamps, namely, £10 and £2, for exchange with other stamps. The £10 stamp was cancelled, and I cleaned it by putting it in the solution. I also remember Detective White, of the Post-office, calling on me regarding Mouldon's stamps. He told me that stamps had been sold to the Post-office that had been cleaned. I remember Detective Macmanamny calling on me on four different occasions, and on three he purchased stamps. Some of the stamps I sold him as 'unused' were cleaned by me.

"I would like to state that I have tried stamps of other colonies by placing them in solution, and I found that the colour of the stamp would run, and thereby spoil the design of the stamp, but on the other hand I had no difficulty with the Victorian stamps. In my opinion there are several collectors of stamps in Melbourne to-day who clean cancelled stamps by salts of lemon, muriatic acid, oxalic acid, or even the juice of a lemon, and take or send them to various post-offices and get them post-marked. The stamps are thus increased in value to collectors. I myself have had them post-marked.

"I admit that the 28 stamps found on me at the time of my arrest by Macmanamny have all been cleaned. I intended them for post-marking. I will add that I have cleaned about 400 stamps altogether. Some of them I have destroyed, others I have sold, and I have also sent a number to different parts of the world.

"(Signed) THOMAS WEBB.
"Witness, P. Macmanamny."

WEBB'S STOCK-IN-TRADE.

After placing Webb under arrest, the detective searched his shop, and impounded all the stamps found in it. Then they went to his residence at Palermo-street, South Yarra, and there found a great many more. Some were placed in books ready for sale, while others were soaking in the solution of acid, in preparation "for sale or exchange." Altogether, the face value of the stamps found could not be less than £500. Webb followed up his confession by the statement that he intended to plead guilty, and then added a few words of advice, which the Government will probably act upon. He said:—"The Victorian stamps are the easiest in the world to manipulate, except the Transvaal stamps. Between these two there is not much to choose. Either of them can be cleansed of ink marks by the roughest and readiest means, and the process, if carefully carried out, can scarcely be detected, even by the analyst. The stamps of other colonies do not so easily lend themselves to manipulation. When put in acids their colours run, and the designs are spoiled. The Victorian colours do not run, and the acid makes no visible impression upon the stamp itself. If the Government wants to stop this manipulation of its stamps it will have to print them with different ink—Fugitive ink would be good." The detective smilingly promised to bring under the notice of the proper authorities the valuable hints which had been given, and Webb was then locked up at the City Watch-house. He will appear at the City Court to-day, and will be remanded for a week.

HOW THE FRAUDS WERE POSSIBLE.

The illegal trafficking in stamps which has been boldly brought into prominence by the arrest of Webb has caused considerable anxiety to the Postal authorities, and, doubtless, grave loss to the revenue. The valuable stamps in Webb's possession, but for the discovery made, might have all been brought back at the post-office window as a matter of ordinary business, at their face value, less 5 per cent. Thus the revenue would have lost £500. How far this trafficking has extended, and how long it has been practised, cannot, of course, be decided off-hand. Webb says other stamp collectors use the same means to restore stamps, and probably he knows what he says to be true. One thing is certain. In the stamp department, the door of fraud is wide open, and the interior is so invitingly profitable that many ingenious people are bound to enter. The means by which old stamps are obtained to furnish the fraudulent dealers with materials for their solution processes are many, and some of them are curious. In the first place there are countless collectors of stamps who gather from their friends, and from everyone, old stamps of all values. These they do up into bundles and sell. If they are smudged with the post-office marks they are of little value to the fraudulent dealer who wants to cleanse and circulate them again. But if they have been taken from receipts, bills of exchange, &c., and are merely cancelled with the pen "A." "B." "1—1—97," they are easily dealt with as described, and may be sent through the post again. When the banks went into liquidation several years ago, large heaps of stamped documents they held in their strong rooms were sold for waste paper. These documents bore valuable stamps, some being worth many shillings, while a few ran into pounds. It has been suggested that these stamps, at first treated as curiosities, have passed from hand to hand till they have finally reached some dishonest dealer, who has made them the basis of an irregular, but profitable, trade by selling them back again to the Post-office, or putting them into ordinary circulation for the convenience of lawyers and others, who often require high-priced stamps.

The telegraph department formerly sold their telegraph forms, with the stamps attached, for waste paper. That practice has been stopped in view of recent discoveries, and the forms and defaced stamps are now destroyed in the office itself. The whole subject is so important that the Postmaster-General has asked Mr. Blackett to suggest some improved stamp which will not lend itself to fraud. What is most desired is some ink which will change colour when subjected to any acid or other chemical processes. Meanwhile the greatest care is being observed in the department in the conduct of stamp business.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

A small coastal steamer, the Princess, sprang a leak near Broken Bay yesterday, and had to be beached at Barrenjoey, where her cargo was landed. The Princess is a vessel of 39 tons register, and the property of Mr. Daniel Sheehy. She is insured in the Victoria Assurance Company for £800.

William Donald, foreman at Peacock's jam factory, was to-day fined, at the Newtown Police Court, £1 for assault, the offence consisting of having wrenched the ear of a boy employe with such severity as to cause blood to flow.

Water for domestic purposes is becoming alarmingly scarce at Wyalong, and great anxiety is being occasioned thereby.

The returns of stock traffic on the railways for the year just past show that no fewer than 111,000 cattle and 2,690,000 sheep were brought to the Flemington sale-yards. These figures, however, are somewhat less than those for the previous year.

The Minister for Mines has approved of a design for medals to be distributed in recognition of the bravery of the rescuers at Stockton.

Miss Fanny Liddiard, who has brought back to Australia a sheaf of American songs, was interviewed to-day after her return from the United States. She mentions that the theatrical companies which have returned hence to America speak happily of Australia. "They have made money," she remarks sapiently, "and that always makes people happy; at least I think it does." She predicts the advent during the next twelve months of a number of American professionals, especially of the Vaudeville type, and intimates that she has a leaning towards that form of entertainment.

The Minister of Justice has decided that, in addition to sentencing seventh class prisoners who are persons under the age of 25 and serving less than 12 months' imprisonment to the Spartan simplicity of a plank bed and an occasional diet of bread and water, they will have to undergo a course of physical drill, so as to inculcate a spirit of discipline, which has not hitherto existed.

A meeting of the Australasian Federation League to-day passed a resolution warmly approving of the action taken by the Premier in promoting the cause of federation, and deprecating the introduction of party politics into the federal elections.

Official advice has been received from the Government of New Caledonia that on the 15th of this month the last convict ship will leave Rochefort, France, for Noumea. The shipment will comprise 500 adults.

The Government has decided to invite applications in London for the position of chief inspector of coal mines, at a salary of £800 annually.

A party of American ladies and gentlemen, representing the William Q. Judge section of the Theosophical Society, are at present visiting Sydney, and to-night they held a public meeting in the Protestant-hall, at which they explained the object of their mission. Opportunity was also taken to disavow any connection with the society of which Mrs. Besant and Colonel Olcott were the leaders.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT ALBURY.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

A destructive fire occurred this morning, at about 1 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. P. Chevers, in David-street. The building, a wooden structure, with the contents, was totally consumed, and a serious conflagration was only averted by the timely arrival of the fire brigade, the fire having then communicated with the two adjoining houses. The inmates were asleep, and only escaped in their night attire. The premises and furniture, as well as £40 in notes, were totally consumed. It is not known how the fire originated. The property was uninsured.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Deputy-coroner Hall held an inquiry on Monday, at Glenlyon station, on the body of a swagman found in one of the station paddocks on December 31. A station-hand deposed that he met the deceased near a clay pan tank with an empty water-bag. He gave him a drink, and directed him to a tank. Five days later the body was found. In the man's swag was a Shearers' Union ticket issued to Arthur Hasley, of Barnato Station, in September last. A verdict of death from heat apoplexy was recorded.

WILCANNIA, Wednesday.

The following are the values of the imports from South Australia and Victoria for 1896:—South Australia, £51,514; Victoria, £9,170. The total Customs revenue collected for 1896 was £11,791, and the total value of imports for 1895 was £21,068, and the total revenue collected in 1895 was £10,428.

In connection with the disaster to the steamer Ariel on the Lower Darling, it appears that the forepart of the steamer is under water, and 28 bales of the Whittabreenah wool are submerged.

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BURNT TO DEATH.

TWO CHILDREN THE VICTIMS.

HEROIC ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE.

A GALLANT BOY.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

A sad disaster occurred on Tuesday at Mudgee, by which two children were burnt to death. Mrs. Gurton, a hardworking woman, and generally esteemed, had returned to her home at dusk, after nursing a neighbour, and proceeded to finish some washing. Her family of boys had been in bed for some time, when the woman and her daughter went outside to collect clothes from a line, leaving a candle in the same place in which it had stood for an hour. When the daughter returned to the house with an armful of clothes, she saw the place was ablaze, a strong gust of wind having driven the window curtains on the candle and set them alight. The flames at once ignited the calico ceiling and slab walls. The mother rushed into the house, and with a bucket of water sought to stop the fire from spreading, but was herself driven out.

A neighbour named Lewis Cassimer, who was passing at the time, heard the children crying in the front room, and seeing the flames, attempted to burst in the front door, but failing, entered by the back door, and while groping in the smoke, succeeded in catching hold of Willie, aged 10, whom he carried out. He again essayed to enter the house, but was driven back, so he then sought to break the slab wall down with a view to rescuing the imprisoned children. The heat, however, was too intense to allow this to be done.

The slab walls and bark roof burnt with incredible rapidity and fierceness, owing to the flames being fanned by the high wind, and further attempts at rescue had accordingly to be abandoned. When the flames had partly subsided, a search was made for the remains of the children. It was not known then that Percy had not escaped, but his charred body was found near that of his brother Joseph.

The boy Willie had succeeded in rescuing one brother named Harry, and had made three desperate and heroic attempts to reach his two other brothers, when he himself succumbed to the smoke, and was found by Cassimer. Both he and Cassimer were badly scorched. At the inquest, which was opened this morning, it was stated by one witness that he saw a child in the burning room, and reaching through the window he called to him to come to him. He received the reply, "All right, I will come," but the smoke and flames drove the man from the window, and suffocated the child, whose corpse was found where he was seen.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Railway department to-day took possession of Mr. Lewis Thomas's Swan Bank railway, for the purchase of which £12,000 was passed last session. Portion of the money will be devoted to purchasing necessary land.

It is understood that Sir Hugh Nelson leaves for the south next week, for the purpose of attending the conference of Premiers at Hobart on 2nd February. He will travel direct from Sydney. The Attorney-General leaves to-morrow to Tasmania, and Messrs. Morehead and Barlow in a few days.

In the case of Boehm, sentenced to death for the Lerida murder, the Cabinet has recommended that the sentence be commuted to imprisonment for life.

The superintendent of Government bores in New South Wales is at present on an official visit to Queensland. The visitor is just now in the South-Western districts, in the vicinity of Charleville, and will probably go to Long Reach. [illegible] on what he has already seen, [illegible] the conclusion that Queensland [illegible] in the matter of putting down bores.

A special Cabinet meeting will be held to-morrow to consider the revised list of justices of the peace.

The Chinamen detained in quarantine consequent on the outbreak of small-pox on the steamer Duke of Devonshire were released and brought to town on Monday.

The Royal Commission promised last session to inquire into the pearl-shelling industry, was formally appointed at the Executive Council meeting this afternoon. The commission is composed of Messrs. W. H. B. O'Connell (chairman), A. Dawson, J. Hoolan, J. Hamilton, and W. Smyth.

The Government Savings Bank returns for December show a decrease in the number of accounts, and a small increase in the deposits.

It is proposed by four dairy farms operating here to despatch the steamer Jumna this month with the largest shipment of butter sent from Queensland; the exact quantity is not known, but, it is thought, will total up to 40 tons at least. The butter will be sent under the Meat and Dairy Produce Encouragement Act, and, therefore, if passed by the Agricultural department, will be granted a bonus of 1d. per pound. By the same steamer the department of Agriculture intend shipping an experimental consignment of fruit from Brisbane, and of mangoes from Townsville, for the Agent-General, and for the Wholesale Co-operative Society delegates.

Four months' leave of absence has been granted to Sir Henry Norman to enable him to act as president of the Royal Commission appointed by the Imperial Government to inquire into the West Indian sugar industry. During his absence Mr. Dechen is to act as Agent-General.

The gold returns of the colony for the past year totalled 638,212oz. The yield for the last quarter was 172,382oz., the principal yields being:—Charters Towers, 60,076oz.; Crocodile Creek, 62,020oz.; Gympie, 23,439oz.; Croydon, 20,449oz.; Ravenswood, 3,623oz.; Etheridge, 4,106oz.; Clermont, 3,754oz.; Eidsvold, 1,908oz.; and Gladstone, 1,592oz.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN GOLD-FIELDS.

COOLGARDIE, Wednesday.

The Lady Shenton monthly crushing of 310 tons yielded 1,319oz., being an average of over 4oz. 4dwt. to the ton. The result proves the richness of the Shenton line of reef. The mine is being vigorously developed, and increases in richness with depth. The last crushing is 2dwt. per ton better than the former one.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

News has been received of a new find a miles north-west of Bardoc. Two men sinking a shallow pothole came on the cap of a reef showing very rich, coarse gold.

It is reported that a good strike has been made at the Perseverance, and that the prospects of the Great Boulder at the 300ft. level and of Block 45 have vastly improved.

The December gold returns for Kalgoorlie continue to head the list, and it is expected that the output of the district will shortly be still further increased to a considerable extent.

The labourers struck work this morning at the railway station because they received 1/3 an hour from Messrs. Wilkie, the contractors, and only 1/ from the Government. The difficulty was settled by an agreement to pay the men 10/ per day of nine hours for permanent employment.

PERTH, Wednesday.

A phenomenal find of gold is reported to have been made at Mount Margaret. Two prospectors named Dennis and Kerr, after six months' prospecting on behalf of a syndicate, have brought into Perth 250lb. of stone, averaging, they say, 2oz. to the lb. of quartz. The claim, which is 20 miles north-east of Mount Margaret, is called the British Flag. Rich gold was visible 8ft. from the surface. They opened out again a chain and a half north of this spot, and sunk a shaft about 30ft. on the underlay. Work has been actively carried on, but it was not until a couple of months back that the reef was struck. It is 7ft. wide 30ft. from the surface.

The passengers arriving in the colony from oversea ports during 1896 totalled 55,200, whilst the departures were 19,289, leaving a net increase of population for the year of 35,911.

AT WALLACH'S ESTATE SALE.
Suites in real leather, 9 pieces, £8 15s.; 4ft. Sideboards, bevelled plates, £2 10s.; 6 x 3.6 Extension Tables, with screw, £1 7s. 6d.; Single Wire Shakedowns, 9s. 9d. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 232 to 244 Elizabeth-street, next G.P.O.

THE SHIPPING CRISIS.

A NEW PHASE.

SETTLEMENT DEFERRED.

ALL SHIPS [illegible] STOPPED.

THE LATEST DEMAND.

FREE ENGINEERS MUST BE DISMISSED.

Yesterday saw a new phase of the maritime difficulty, which everyone had come to regard as settled. It was indicated in "The Argus" yesterday that, though a truce had been called pending a conference, the position of the "free" engineers engaged by the owners had not been determined. There were only five of these men—two on the Coogee, two on the Courier, and one on the Despatch—and the fact that they did not form the subject of any express stipulation in the terms of settlement was regarded by the owners as indicating that they were to remain at their places till their fate was decided by the conference.

The first signs of fresh trouble showed themselves early yesterday, when Mr. Corby, secretary to the engineers in Melbourne, waited on Mr. Parker, president of the Victorian Shipowners, and Mr. Hudson, the secretary. He said that the engineer of the Despatch complained that his place had been filled by a man who was not a member of the institution. Mr. Parker said he could not help that. He had engaged the man two days before the Sydney truce, and could not send him away, no matter what happened, until the conference had come to some arrangement with regard to him and the others who had been taken on during the strike.

Mr. Corby at once reported the matter to his executive at Sydney, and it was late yesterday afternoon when he received the following telegram:—

"Stop all ships till engineers reinstated on the Courier and Despatch."

This decision was promptly conveyed to the executive of the steamship-owners, who took the earliest opportunity of reviewing the position in the light of the new development.

MR. PARKER'S VIEWS.

WILL NOT GIVE WAY.

In the course of an interview last evening Mr. Parker was most emphatic in saying that on no account would he, as an owner, throw over the men who had joined the service of his company in a crisis such as the present. The step which the Engineers' Institution had taken was in direct conflict with the terms of the truce declared at Sydney, which said that neither side should commit a hostile act towards a member of the other side pending the conference. He was quite prepared to leave all matters settled by the conference, but he was not going to be coerced into an unjust act. The matter, he added, would be considered by a full meeting of the owners on the following day, when perhaps the difficulty would be overcome by some mutually acceptable arrangement.

On this subject the following correspondence took place. Mr. Cockburn telegraphed to Mr. Hudson yesterday:—

"Engineers complain Huddart Parker persisting employment non-union engineers. This is hostile action. If continued understanding of yesterday will be jeopardised, if not destroyed. Reply urgent."

Mr. Hudson replied:—

"Your information incorrect. Huddart, Parker, and Co., although negotiating for [illegible] ... If engineers mean that all men engaged prior to armistice are to be summarily dismissed, feel sure owners will not agree. Meeting ten thirty to-morrow. Wire reply."

THE ENGINEERS' RULES.

ARE THEY TO BE RECOGNISED?

AN INTERESTING POINT.

In Mr. Cockburn's telegram to Mr. Hudson on Tuesday, notifying the conditions of settlement, it was set out:—"Meantime rules of the engineers to be observed till conclusion of conference."

Mr. Hudson on this telegraphed to Mr. Cockburn, saying that he assumed that the reference to engineers' rules "only means rules tacitly observed by owners in the past, and not the whole of their rules."

Mr. Cockburn replied to this that Mr. Hudson's assumption was correct, whereupon the Melbourne owners agreed to accept the conditions.

Mr. Corby, in the course of an interview last evening, stated that the whole of their rules were accepted by the owners unconditionally. One of them, viz., rule 23, said that "no member shall sail in a steamer owned or chartered by a company in whose service non-members are engaged in seagoing vessels." Again, rule 26, said that no member should engage with any company which employed any engineer who had been expelled from the institution. He held that these rules having been accepted as a condition precedent to the conference, the owners had no option but to send away the men whom they had engaged.

Here the matter rests for the present, neither side showing any disposition to give way.

THE CONFERENCE.

TO BE HELD IN SYDNEY.

Arrangements for the conference were determined yesterday before the developments above referred to took place. In the forenoon Mr. Hudson telegraphed to Mr. Cockburn:—

"After mature consideration this association favours three delegates each side. We have appointed the chairman, Mr. E. P. Parker, and Mr. H. B. Howard Smith to represent Melbourne owners. As points to be conferred about mainly affect companies controlled in Melbourne, and as president of the Melbourne branch of engineers, Mr. Park, resides here, consider it advisable to make Melbourne the seat of conference. Reply."

To this Mr. Cockburn replied:—

"Engineers immovable re seat of conference."

With this the Melbourne owners closed, and arranged to leave for Sydney this afternoon. How the latest phase of the difficulty will affect their determination remains to be seen.

STEAMERS STOPPED.

The Innamincka, of the Adelaide Co.'s line, is still at the wharf, in the Yarra, but the local agent (Mr. C. E. Willimott) assures us that she will sail for the west to-day.

The Federal (M'Ilwraith and M'Eacharn) was stopped from going to sea last evening.

ANXIETY IN SYDNEY.

POSITION CRITICAL.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

When matters appeared to have calmed down in connection with the difficulty between the steamship-owners and their engineers, and everything pointed to a satisfactory arrangement, a sudden complication occurred. It was not until late this afternoon that anything was heard of it, but it has occasioned much anxiety to both sides.

Information came from Melbourne that the engineers there were protesting against the action of Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co. in sending to sea non-union engineers engaged for their steamers Despatch and Courier. When an announcement to this effect reached the executive council of the Institution of Engineers, they at once communicated with the Steamship-owners' Association in Melbourne. They contended that the step taken by Huddart, Parker, and Co. was a "hostile" action, and utterly at variance with the terms outlined in their letter of the [illegible] message [illegible] previous day. Mr. Parker's [illegible] so late that it was impossible to enter into further communication with the engineers.

There is no disguising the fact that the engineers entertain an extremely strong opinion as to the course being pursued by Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co., and they admit that they have made strong representations on the subject to the steamship-owners of New South Wales.

No steps have so far been taken to delay the departure of any steamer, but there is a prospect that unless some amicable arrangement is arrived at, and the difficulty is smoothed over, Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co.'s New Zealand steamer Anglian will form the subject of special consideration at the hands of the engineers. That vessel is timed to leave for New Zealand at 1 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday). It is the hope of the officials concerned that prior to that time any feeling will have passed away, and that nothing will happen to interfere with the holding of the conference on Friday.

THE ADELAIDE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

ITS POSITION.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Owing to the withdrawal of the Adelaide Steamship Company from the Association of Ship-owners, a settlement is more likely to be immediately effected in the other colonies than here. A meeting was held last night of the Adelaide District Marine Engineers, but nothing was settled. After the Sydney settlement it was thought that the engineers here would stay proceedings for a time, but those employed by the local companies, when interrogated, intimated that they were placed in a different position from those of the eastern colonies. The feeling, however, exists that a settlement will shortly be made. The engineers of the steamer Flinders gave notice on Tuesday afternoon, but the owners propose to despatch the vessel prior to the expiration of notice. The Ourapa arrived from Newcastle on Tuesday night. The engineers, three in number, gave 24 hours' notice this morning.

NEW ZEALAND ENGINEERS.

WILL STAND BY THE UNION CO.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

In connection with the marine engineers in Australia, it appears that the institution sent a delegate to urge the New Zealand branch to support the action of the parent body. This, however, the New Zealand branch refused to do, and passed a resolution that they would stand by the Union Steamship Company no matter what action was taken in Australia. The [illegible] confidently relied on the company giving favourable consideration to their claims in the matter of wages. The directors of the company have acknowledged this friendly attitude by passing the following resolution:—"The directors desire to express their high appreciation of the loyal and friendly attitude maintained by the New Zealand engineers in the present difficulty, and to say, further, that they are prepared to take into favourable consideration any representation their engineers may wish to make on the subject of wages."

OPINIONS OF THE ENGINEERS.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

The executive officers of the Marine Engineers' Institution are very reticent regarding the new position, but say that the terms of agreement arrived at yesterday as the basis for a conference must be fully adhered to. Their opinion is that the duty of bringing any recalcitrant company into line rests with the steamship-owners, and they consider that the latest development is a matter which more particularly affects the unity of the Steamship-owners' Association [illegible]. The solution of [illegible] on the en[illegible] ... averted ... entertained [illegible] instance regarding the adherence to the agreement by some members of the Steamship-owners' Association. Their views in the direction have been placed forcibly before the officers of the latter body. The members of the institution appear determined not to recognise what they conceive to be a departure by Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co. from the fundamental principles of their organisation, and they say they will not work with men not connected with the institution.

Although the engineers' executive declines to explain what action they intend adopting, there is a general impression that extreme measures will be taken in regard to any company which it is considered does not comply with the terms of yesterday's agreement. Beyond this, however, there is a possibility that should one company be affected the whole of the steamship-owners may find themselves involved in a struggle. Great hopes, however, are held by the engineers that members of the ship-owners will induce their [illegible] to recognise the engineers' reading of the agreement, and so avert any break in the negotiations. It is pointed out by the engineers that one of the main provisions of the agreement was that nothing to the detriment of the officers who had left the vessels should follow the resumption of work. By the telegrams from Melbourne demonstrating that this condition had been disregarded by Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and that some of their engineers had been supplanted [illegible].

The officials of the institution recognised when the difficulty arose that a company might find it necessary to offer inducement to non-associated engineers to engage in place of members who had gone out, and also that such a company might experience trouble in dealing with the non-union men when a settlement was arrived at. That matter, however, does not, it is held, concern the engineers, but affects the owners, who will have to deal with it or face the results. It was conveyed that a strike would take place on the vessels of any company employing non-associated officers [illegible] ... The [illegible] executive committee await with interest further action by the owners and their association.

A POLICE SCANDAL.

SERGEANTS AND CONSTABLES HELD GUILTY.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

A short time ago an Auckland sharebroker, went to the police station to make a complaint against a policeman, was roughly handled, arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and locked up. The magistrate dismissed the case, commenting severely on the conduct of the police, and the Minister of Justice suspended several of them pending an inquiry. As a result, Sergeants Gamble and M'Mahon have been requested to resign, and two constables have been dismissed the force.

In a paragraph published on Tuesday morning, our Dunedin correspondent referred to this matter as follows:—"A peculiar case has been attracting attention in Auckland. A sharebroker named George South has picked up a stray child, and asked a constable to take it to the police station. The constable refused, and South went to the station to report the matter. He was at once arrested, and charged with being drunk and disorderly, and with obstructing a constable. The stipendiary magistrate went into the charge carefully, and, after a hearing extending over two days, dismissed the charges, commenting strongly on the conduct of the police. He said the constable in the street acted wrongly, and the other policemen lost their tempers. If South had not been a well-known man with plenty of friends he would probably have been sent to gaol because he had befriended a child. Pending further inquiry, the Minister of Justice has suspended two sergeants, an acting-detective, the watch-house-keeper, and the street constable, while the other sharebrokers have raised funds to pay South's expenses."

THE HABIT OF HEALTH.

The constant use of Pears' Soap.—[Advt.]

AMERICAN BANKING.

THE EXISTING CRISIS.

NEW YORK NOT AFFECTED.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The banking crisis which has prevailed in the North-western States of America for the past few weeks has occasioned great financial disturbance. Among the first of the banking institutions which failed was the National Bank of Illinois, in Chicago, and since the beginning of December the banking firms connected with that institution, and also the other banks which have suspended payment, number 28 in all.

The position of banking in New York is, notwithstanding the gravity of the crisis elsewhere, regarded as solid.

QUEENSLAND LOAN.

PRESS CRITICISM.

AN UNTIMELY PROPOSAL.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

Sir Hugh Nelson, the Treasurer of Queensland, in his recent Budget, brought forward a proposal to borrow £2,024,280 for the prosecution of public works, of which £1,500,000 should be raised in London and the balance locally, the rate of interest to be 3 per cent. The proposal was duly approved by Parliament.

The "Financial News" makes the criticism upon this intended loan that it is an untimely proposal, and advises the Queensland Government, if it wishes the floating to be a success, to specifically declare that no portion of the amount is designed to prop the Queensland National Bank.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The loan referred to by the "Financial News" is that authorised last session for the equalisation of balances. The Colonial Treasurer distinctly stated during the passage of the Loan Bill that the receipts would not go out of the hands of the Bank of England. The loan, it is stated on authority, is not likely to be floated for six months, even if offered so early as that.

BIMETALLISM.

AMERICAN ENVOY TO EUROPE.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The New York correspondent of "The Times" states that Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, will visit Europe as an unofficial envoy of the new President, Mr. M'Kinley, in order to promote the adoption of international bimetallism.

FINANCIAL TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRALASIAN SHARES, &c.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

Quotations compare with those of a fortnight ago as follows:—

	Paid-up. £	Dec. 22. £	Jan. 5. £
British and Australasian Trust and Loan Co. 4½ per cent. debentures	..	106	104*
Freehold Trust Co. of Australia 4 per cent. debentures	..	103	106
Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Co. 4 per cent. debentures	..	92	92
City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures, 1912-13	..	109	107½*
Dalgety and Co. Ltd. shares	5	5½	5½
Do. 4½ per cent. debentures	..	122	121*
Metropolitan Gas Co. (Melbourne) 4½ per cent. debentures	..	109	109
Australian Gas Light Co. (Sydney) 5 per cent. debentures	..	109	106½*

*Ex interest.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS

LONDON, Jan. 5.

Wheat and Flour.—The quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom is estimated at 2,780,000 quarters, as against 2,920,000 quarters last week and 2,444,000 quarters a year ago. The quantity afloat for the Continent is estimated at 690,000 quarters, as against 980,000 quarters last week and 775,000 quarters a year ago. The American visible supply east of the Rockies is estimated at 73,300,000 bushels, against 72,900,000 bushels last week and 98,400,000 bushels a year ago.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

The death is announced, at the age of 68, of Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., the well-known rifle shot and authority on small arms. Sir Henry Halford visited Australia some time since for the benefit of his health.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed Dr. F. W. Pennefather, who was private secretary to Sir William Jervois when he was Governor of South Australia and New Zealand, and who is now Professor of Laws in the Adelaide University, as lay secretary to the approaching Lambeth Conference. Dr. Pennefather is at present in London, on leave of absence through ill-health.

The United States Congress has abolished the death penalty as regards 55 out of the 60 offences in the federal code which carried that punishment.

The Japanese Government has purchased the cruiser, Almirante Barrozzo, from Brazil.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

COOLGARDIE, Wednesday.

Trouble has arisen with the men employed locally in the railway service. The department insist on a wage of 1/ per hour of a day of nine hours, with 1/ gold-fields allowance a day extra. The men ask 1/3 per hour, and have gone on strike.

ESPERANCE, Wednesday.

The announcement that the Carriers' Association will forward goods from Coolgardie to Norseman for £17 per ton has created consternation. It means a saving of £6/10/ on Esperance carriers' prices.

The Customs returns for last month were £3,195, against £2,806 for November.

A gigantic boiler and engine for Dr. Simons's mines has been successfully despatched by teams from here.

The demand for property in the town is strong, and there is a prospect of several big business houses from the other colonies opening branches shortly.

Mr. G. Proudfoot, contractor, of Sydney, has made a proposal to the Government to construct a railway from Esperance to Coolgardie.

PERTH, Wednesday.

A murder occurred at Cygnet Bay, in the Kimberley district, on Boxing Day. A number of Manilla men and Malays quarrelled. The Manillas attacked a Malay and inflicted six knife wounds, and drove a crowbar through his body. Three Manilla men have been arrested for connection with the crime.

FEDERATION PROPOSALS.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

The doleful tone of the Premier of Victoria upon the immediate prospect of holding the Federal Convention finds no echo among Ministers and members here. They state that there is plenty of time yet for the delegates to be appointed to the convention, and for that body to do its work. Candidates, however, do not care to announce themselves definitely until the election regulations are published and the dates for the various stages of the election are finally announced. The only reason for delay appears to be the desire to accommodate Western Australia, where the elections for the Legislative Assembly are pending. Whatever may be the case in the other colonies, local politicians are ready for the election fray, and candidates are already announcing themselves. Among younger politicians the opinion is held that if in the list of candidates are included men like the Premier, Mr. Lyne, M.L.A., Mr. Barton, Q.C., the Minister of Lands, Mr. R. E. O'Connor, M.L.C., Mr. M'Millan, Mr. Copeland, and Sir Joseph Abbott, M.L.A.'s, they will stand little chance of being returned, consequently they are not submitting their names until more prominent men definitely advertise themselves.

MR. CECIL RHODES.

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S DEMEANOUR.

ANGRY AT MR. RHODES.

DISTURBING RACIAL AMITY.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

President Kruger was waited upon a few days ago by a deputation of leading citizens of Pretoria, who protested against the action of the people of Cape Town in making a demonstration of welcome to Mr. Rhodes, whom they characterised as the chief criminal amongst those who organised the raid on the Transvaal.

President Kruger was deeply moved by the views of the deputation, and apparently found his feeling too strong for expression in words, for he remained silent.

Since then the President has stated that he is animated by an angry feeling towards Mr. Rhodes, who, he declares, is upsetting his (President Kruger's) efforts to promote a good racial feeling between the Boers and the foreign inhabitants of the Transvaal, as well as the people of the other South African states.

BANQUET IN CAPE TOWN.

LEAVING FOR ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes has been entertained at a banquet in Cape Town prior to his departure for England. He leaves Cape Town to-day.

THE RECENT OVATIONS.

PROTEST BY "AFRIKANDERS."

LONDON, Jan. 6.

Two hundred prominent members of the Afrikander party in Cape Town have forwarded to Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a protest, couched in strong terms, against the ovations tendered to Mr. Rhodes in Cape Colony being regarded as an expression of representative popular feeling.

SPAIN AND AMERICA.

THE FILIBUSTERING STEAMER.

SCUTTLED BY A SPANIARD.

A NOVELIST'S NARROW ESCAPE.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

It has now been ascertained that the scuttling and sinking of the steamer Commodore, which set out from Jacksonville, St. John's River, Florida, for Cuba with a cargo of war material for the insurgents, was effected by Spanish treachery.

One of the survivors is suspected of having assisted in the scuttling of the vessel, and is being closely watched by the remainder of those who escaped.

A New York paper states that Mr. Stephen Krane, novelist, was on board the scuttled steamer, and that he escaped at the last moment in a small boat.

THE MINERS' FEDERATION.

RECENT VICTORIAN LEGISLATION.

AN EVENT OF THE YEAR.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The Miners' Federation is at present in session at Leicester. In the course of his opening address, Mr. Benjamin Pickard, M.P. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, and president of the federation, declared that the fixing of a living wage by the Victorian Parliament, as contained in the provisions of the Factories Act for the appointment of trade boards, was one of the big events of the year 1896.

The federation has entered upon the private discussion of the question of nationalising land, minerals, and railways.

An amendment has, however, been proposed to the effect that the congress should adhere to business on proper union lines, and refuse to discuss socialistic questions.

MR. HENRY CHAPLIN.

SERIOUSLY HURT WHILE HUNTING.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, M.P. for the Sleaford division of Lancashire, and President of the Board of Agriculture in Lord Salisbury's former Ministry, has met with an accident in the hunting-field, through being thrown from his horse. The accident occurred at Trentham Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, the seat of the Duke of Sutherland, Mr. Chaplin's brother-in-law.

The injuries sustained by Mr. Chaplin are of a serious nature.

SCULLING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

W. Haines, who won the Christmas Open Sculling Handicap on the Tyne, will row Stevenson, the New Zealand sculler, on 1st February, and Sullivan, another New Zealander, a fortnight later.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The garrison sports this afternoon attracted several thousand spectators. The men from the fleet took an active part, and won several prizes.

Paymaster Charles M. Mobberley, recently appointed to H.M.S. Penguin, is missing, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Minnie Collier, a member of the Atkinson dramatic troupe, has been remanded for eight days on a charge of larceny at Zeehan.

SIR T. F. BUXTON'S VISIT.

Sir Thomas F. Buxton, the Governor of South Australia, and family were welcomed at Launceston by the mayor and town clerk to-day. His Excellency expressed regret that owing to the steamer's delay in Melbourne he would only be able to remain one day in Launceston. He comes on to Hobart to-morrow. During the afternoon the cyclists of the vice-regal party visited Cataract Gorge and other places of interest in and around Launceston. They will be the guests of Lord Gormanston while in Hobart.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

M. Malfroy, Government engineer at the Rotorua Hot Springs Sanatorium, died to-night.

Destructive bush fires are raging in the Masterton district.

"ROBUR" TEA.

Gold medal, Albury Exhibition, 1896.—[Advt.]

A BIG MONEY-LOSING SALE.

The surplus stocks from the wholesale warehouses will be sold at Richards and Co.'s establishment, Bourke-street, commencing Saturday. Ladies, wait for this sale.—[Advt.]

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

MURDER OF FATHER SALVATOR.

DUPLICITY OF THE SULTAN.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

Father Salvator, an Italian priest, was murdered some time ago at Marash, in Asia Minor, where Colonel Mazhar Bey was the Turkish officer in command of the town. The Sultan, although he had previously promised to have Colonel Mazhar Bey tried by court-martial, desired to grant him an amnesty on account of the deed, but the foreign ambassadors in Constantinople compelled His Imperial Majesty to refrain from carrying out this intention.

The matter was considered of great importance by the ambassadors, and the French and Italian ambassadors arranged that the fleets of their respective countries should proceed to Alexandretta, so as to be ready to take action in the event of the acquittal of Colonel Mazhar Bey, or of an amnesty being granted to him.

The latest intimation concerning the matter is that despite a promise by the Sultan that the French and Italian dragomans (or interpreters) should be allowed to be present at the trial, they are to be excluded.

FATE OF AN ARMENIAN OFFICIAL.

VICTIM TO ASSASSINATION.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

Dedros Effendi, an Armenian, who was against his own desire appointed to an official position, was murdered within two days of his appointment.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND

NATIVE OUTRAGE.

MURDER OF A TRADER.

A REVOLT FEARED.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

A report has been received from Vryburg, in British Bechuanaland, that a trader named Robinson has been murdered by the natives.

The report adds that fears are entertained that the tribe of Batlaros, one of the three leading tribes of Bechuanaland, has revolted against British rule.

INDIAN IMMIGRANTS TO NATAL.

PROTEST OF RESIDENTS.

LANDING TO BE PREVENTED.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

A lively agitation has arisen in Durban, the principal town and seaport of Natal, against Indian immigration.

A monster meeting has been held in the town in connection with the subject, at which resolutions were adopted calling upon the Government to return two shiploads of Indians which have arrived, and furthermore to prevent the entry of Indians to the colony for the future.

The residents of the town have resolved to prevent the landing of the immigrants who have arrived.

GERMAN DUELLING.

EDICT BY THE EMPEROR.

DUELLING NOT FORBIDDEN.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

An edict has been issued by the Emperor William of Germany on the subject of duelling in the army.

His Majesty does not forbid the practice of duelling, but he declares that many of the duels which are fought are entered upon on needless grounds, and he advises the officers to be more conciliatory towards each other.

THE GLENBROOK MURDERER.

THE PURSUING DETECTIVES.

LONDON, Jan. 6.

News has been received of the arrival at Vancouver of the detectives sent from Sydney to arrest Butler, the Glenbrook murderer.

BUTLER BELIEVED TO HAVE LIVED NEAR BALLARAT.

BALLARAT, Wednesday.

Some talk was created here to-day by a report to the effect that Butler, the Glenbrook murderer, believed to be on board the ship Swan Hilda, bound for San Francisco, was living at Canadian in or about March last, when Mrs. Johanna M'Carthy was mysteriously murdered. The statement emanated from Mrs. W. H. Burton, wife of the well-known city produce merchant, but, although this lady formed her conclusions some time ago, she has been so much averse to prominence that she did not disclose her suspicions to the police. The matter, however, leaked out to-day, and Mrs. Burton, on being questioned by the police, stated that at the time mentioned a man who answered to Butler's description had been given casual employment chopping wood and doing odd jobs by her husband. Her recollections of the man, who had told her that he was living at Canadian, and also that he intended to go either to Coolgardie or to Sydney on leaving the district, tallied with the published description of Butler's appearance, more particularly in regard to the irregularity or defect of his nose. Subsequently she saw his photograph in "The Australasian," and this confirmed the opinion she had formed that the two men were identical. Miss Burton also had the same impression. The ladies were shown another photograph, supplied by the Sydney police, to-day, and, while they expressed a slight doubt, they favoured the supposition that the handyman was no other than Butler.

If he were really here, it would to a certain extent explain how he got possession of an assayer's certificate issued from the Ballarat School of Mines to Frank Harwood. Considerable doubt is, however, entertained by the police on the point, more especially as a Mr. Ralph, who also employed the man in question, together with his daughter, profess to have no doubt that the photograph is not that of the man who worked in the neighbourhood.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The steamer Clitus, from Java, has put in to Albany, for medical advice. She has 35 cases of malarial fever on board.

MAIL STEAMERS.

R.M.S. Kaikoura arrived at Cape Town on 3rd inst.

I.G.M.S Prinz Regent Luitpold left Suez on the 4th inst., for Australia.

KANDY KOOLA TEA.

The Best, Purest, and Most Invigorating Tea in Australia.

SOLD EVERYWHERE.

—[Advt.]

BRITISH TRADE AND GERMAN COMPETITION.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

VALUE OF SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION.

SPEECH BY MR. ARTHUR BALFOUR.

On November 19 Mr. Arthur Balfour, leader of the House of Commons, delivered an address at the Cutlers' Feast at Sheffield, from which we make the following extract from "The Times" report:—"There is a subject to which public attention has recently been drawn by Lord Rosebery and by others, and I cannot help thinking that unduly unfavourable deductions have been drawn from certain statistical, or alleged statistical, facts. Now, I am not an enemy of panics. I think the British public require panics. (Laughter.) Admiral Field has told you that we slept upon our money-bags from the year 1865 to the year 1885. Then we got a panic, and we awoke, and by the help of several subordinate subsequent panics we have contrived to bring our navy up to the present more or less—I say more or less deliberately (laughter), in view of the critic on my right—the more or less complete state of perfection in which it now finds itself; and therefore I do not for one moment regret that the British producer, the British manufacturer, should be told on high authority that he is having, and is going to have, a bad time of it because he will not bring himself up to the mark and will not meet the growing requirements of the day. Whether the panic be justified or unjustified, I daresay it will prove a not unwholesome panic. I speak here to one of the greatest commercial audiences which can be brought together in any part of this country or the world, and I think they will practically agree with me that probably a little alarm—a little wholesome alarm—now and then is not bad for the commercial system. (Laughter.) But at the same time, I think, to indulge in pessimistic prophecies in regard to the future upon statistics of the import of foreign manufactured goods is perhaps unnecessary. The theory is this. A great foreign trade is necessary for this country; it is a mark, it is a cause, and it is a proof—it is both the cause and the proof—of national prosperity. If you find great importations of foreign goods, is not that a proof that your foreign export trade is in danger? That is the argument. I think, as so stated, the argument is fallacious. A great foreign export trade carries with it as a necessary, as a mathematical, consequence a corresponding import trade. (Laughter.) No doubt if your export trade is on a small scale you may conceive that imports from abroad of raw goods, of raw produce, for the manufactured articles, may be sufficient to pay for it, but if you desire, as we all desire, that the export trade of this country should be a great trade, this on the face of it means, if that trade is to exist, there must be an import trade to pay for it. (Hear, hear.) After all, we must be paid in goods, we can be paid in nothing else, and we must not only be paid in goods for what we export, but we must be paid in goods for the interest on the capital which we have invested abroad, if we be paid at all, which I presume all desire—(laughter)—and therefore there must be a certain import trade if there is to be—on the hypothesis that there is to be—a great export trade. That, I take it, is not a subject upon which there can be any controversy, which really is a mathematical proposition, and a question simply of the balance of accounts. I will put it further, and I would say that it is really unreasonable to be alarmed at the growth of manufactures by foreign countries. That growth is inevitable. Like it or dislike it, do not let us grumble at what is really the result of inevitable laws. You have in America, you have in Germany, you have in every country where the population is growing—you have an increasing, you have a relative augmentation of the population in the towns to the population in the country districts. The populations in the towns, of course, must manufacture, first for themselves, possibly for other people, and they will grow in manufactures, they will import machinery, they will use their brains, their hands, and capital for turning out something besides raw produce, and that is a thing which no Englishman has a right to complain of, of which I am convinced no Englishman does complain, and which is absolutely an inevitable incident of national growth. I do not personally think that on the face of it it is a subject for regret in any way. If I were engaged in selling goods I should desire that my customers should be prosperous—and there is no greater mistake either in international argument or in social argument than to suppose that the prosperity of "A" must necessarily be gained at the expense of "B." This is in many respects a very ill-contrived world, but it is not so ill-contrived as that. What one gains is not lost by the other, but on the contrary, as within the limits of one country the prosperity of one class is so far from being a cause of want of prosperity to another class that all grow in wealth and prosperity together, so do I firmly believe that as every nation grows in wealth and prosperity so it will help on the wealth and prosperity of its neighbours. (Cheers.) Now, those are general considerations which make me extremely distrustful of any deductions that may be made from statistics, from mere statistics, of exports and imports, even though upon the face of them they may appear unfavourable. I believe, as a matter of fact, our statistics at the present time are not unfavourable, but at any rate it is not upon that that I would base any fear for the future of this country.

GERMANY'S EXAMPLE IN SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION.

What I do think, and what I have admitted, is that, though we have not much to fear from the action of other nations, we have much to learn from the action of other nations. (Hear, hear.) I have already said that I think John Bull requires the occasional stimulus of a panic to make him do his best. He is like a noble horse, dragging a load well within his weight, who, perhaps, gets a little slow in his action unless occasionally he hears the crack of the whip. (Laughter.) I think that, though I do not envy the growth of German manufactures—taking Germany for example, as that is the case taken by the distinguished man of whom I speak—though I neither envy the growth of German manufactures nor fear the growth of German manufactures, though I do not think that German prosperity can be other than, in the long run, a help to British prosperity, still I am not so blind as to think, with regard to a nation which gives itself over with such fervour to everything which can, by discipline and education, promote its material prosperity, that we have nothing to learn by the study of its proceedings. I believe we have a good deal to learn—(hear, hear)—and I think it behoves us to learn it. (Cheers.) Lord Rosebery desired that an inquiry should be made into the topics on which I am venturing to arrest your attention to-night. That inquiry is being made, or is partly being made, by the department of the Government concerned. I do not profess to give the results of these inquiries, but it is an undoubted fact that the Germans do think it, rightly or wrongly, to be worth while to spend money Imperially, municipally, and privately upon those branches of scientific research which have a direct bearing upon manufactures, to an extent and degree absolutely unknown in this country, which surely ought to take the lead in all commercial matters. ("Hear, hear," and cheers.) I have been informed by a gentleman who has recently come from an examination of these technical institutions in Germany that there are at this moment in Germany no fewer than six great technical institutions for the study of electrical matters alone, which are superior to anything of the kind which we have in this country. The witness of whom I speak was not a prejudiced witness. He went to Germany with no preconceived views either for or against the method of technical instruction there pursued, and I have faithfully detailed to you the information I gained. I am further informed, on evidence the value of which I cannot for a moment doubt, that, while the Government and the municipalities spend these vast sums in producing a great body of trained experts, the great manufacturers in Germany, to an extent altogether unknown in this country, employ a large body of investigators on their own account on their own premises, taking advantage of every discovery that can be made, and in so far as may be make discoveries for themselves. (Cheers.) I do not comment upon the fact; I simply state the fact to you. I should be reluctant to say how great is the advantage which any country thus liberally disposed is likely to reap. It may be that the Germans have been squandering their money in unremunerative investigation, and that they will not get in the shape of national profit any result for what they have done. That may be so, but I remember the late Mr. Bagehot's pointing out that one of the great advantages that England had over every other nation in the world was this—that when any discovery was made, when any new outlet of industry was invented, the amount of disposable English capital was so great that England reaped the chief benefit from it. (Cheers.) Now, this is the question I want to put. Is not Germany, by bringing into existence this vast body of fine specialists, preparing itself to make the utmost use of any possible advances in scientific manufactures which may be made? (Cheers.) Is it not likely that it will have the advantage, as compared with other nations, in turning to account the smallest hint in any direction, in developing any discovery, however slight, in making the most of any advance, however small that advance may be? That question I put to men incomparably more qualified to answer it than I am myself.

SCIENCE AND MANUFACTURES.

But I think the question is worth putting in the great manufacturing centres of this country, and I would ask them not to be put off—I do not think Sheffield is likely to be put off—(cheers)—but I will ask any who read my words not to be put off with the idea that what is called technical instruction, by which I mean manual instruction in arts and crafts, however good in itself, has anything to do with the particular kind of education of which I am speaking. It has nothing to do with it. Education in the first three standards of your primary schools has more to do with the higher university training than the manual education of which I speak has to do with the technical education which I desire for the country. For the education in your primary schools is, after all, a necessary preliminary of your university education. You must learn to read, you must learn to write, you must learn to do arithmetic before you can take advantage of what Oxford and Cambridge, Edinburgh and Glasgow, have to give you, but still education in the three R's leads up to all this knowledge, but the manual education called technical does not lead up to, and has no relation to or connection whatever with, that scientific education of which I speak. England became a great manufacturing country, the greatest manufacturing country which the world has ever seen, before the intimate relation of organised science to manufactures was thoroughly understood. I fear that in some quarters it may still be a fact that the relation between science and manufactures is not thoroughly grasped, and there may still be some who think that money spent in what appears to be abstract investigations far removed from the practical things of life has but a small effect on national well-being and national commerce. If any hold that view, believe me, they are profoundly mistaken. (Hear, hear.) They have not followed the course of human knowledge, they have not kept abreast of human progress, and if we have leeway to make up in this matter, if we have to learn a lesson which perhaps came easier to the Germans than it did to us, let us hasten, at all events, to learn that lesson completely, and then I doubt not we shall—even in the eyes of the most pessimistic critic—continue to hold that position which hitherto we have held unchallenged, and then British manufactures, British industry, British capital may still maintain throughout the world the supremacy they have so long held and so well deserved. (Loud cheers.)

AN HISTORICAL REMINISCENCE.

The following extract, translated from "Ons Land," a Dutch journal published in South Africa, describes an incident which affords a curious parallel to a recent achievement of Mr. Cecil Rhodes:—

"Much has been made of the act of derring-do on the part of Mr. Rhodes when he met the Matabele chiefs, or some of them, at least, at an 'indaba' (that is, a friendly conference). Less has been said of the courage displayed by Dr. Hans Sauer, Mr. J. Colenbrander, and Mr. Stent, who accompanied our ex-Premier on his perilous journey. Still less notice has been taken of the fact that in this case also it may be said that there is nothing new under the sun. The ex-editor of the defunct 'South African Telegraph' was the first to point out that, nearly seventeen years ago, Sir Gordon (then plain Mr.) Sprigg, at that time also Premier, showed an example of intrepid and undaunted devotion to duty which merits being rescued from oblivion. We have made inquiries regarding this striking incident, and find the circumstances to have been as follows:—

"The clever and brave old chieftain Moorosi, who had from time to time given much trouble to the Free State, and even to Moshesh, had rebelled against the colony. A strong force, consisting of the 'Yeomanry,' C.M.R., and volunteers, had invested his mountain for nearly a year, but to no purpose. Two or three attempts at storming that formidable natural fortress had been repulsed with considerable loss on our side. The war expense had risen to an absurdly high sum, taking into consideration the meagre resources of the black old highlanders. The prestige of the colony among the other native tribes had begun to suffer. In the colony people grumbled about the alleged maladministration of our forces, who were apparently powerless beside so insignificant and unimportant a chief.

"Matters so remained until October, 1879, when the Premier, Mr. Sprigg, thought it necessary that he should himself, although no soldier, proceed to the scene of action to investigate the state of affairs and assist in devising plans for taking the mountain. He found that the repeated repulses and the formidable nature of the defence works of the enemy on or about the bridle-path, the only means of access to the mountain, had somewhat demoralised the colonial forces. At any rate, it was more than muttered in the camp that any more open assaults would be the height of madness. On the other hand, it appeared almost impossible to starve out the besieged. Even on the first morning after the Premier's arrival it appeared that the enemy had been able on the previous night to get 54 oxen through our lines; and it was well known that there was abundance of water on the mountain. These considerations rendered the Premier favourably disposed to accede to Moorosi's request for a personal conference. The required conditions were quickly completed. As the old chief would not come to the camp, the Premier and his suite had to go to him. Early after sunrise the party took the path in the direction of the rifle-pits. The party consisted of the Prime Minister, Colonel Prabant (in command of the forces), Colonel Bayly, of the C.M.R.; Captain Giles, of the Royal Artillery; Mr. Kilpin, private secretary, and at present assistant clerk to the House of Assembly; and Mr. Kruze, who acted as interpreter. A proof of the watchfulness and hard firing on both sides was soon met with; not far from the camp the party passed a dead Kaffir and his horse, with his weapons, saddle, and bridle.

"So absolute was the certainty of being shot, either from the mountain or the camp, that no one of either side had dared to venture to take the coveted loot of saddle and weapons. High on the side of the mountain, and quite three hundred yards from the nearest small picket, the six brave fellows, all unarmed, met the old chief, Moorosi, at the head of 13 of his councillors and headmen. He was a short, thin, almost skinny native of 80 years of age. The interview took place within a few yards of the first rifle-pit, so near, in fact, that the features of the defenders could easily be distinguished. It lasted about an hour and a half, and resulted in nothing. Moorosi tried hard to obtain conditions, which, if granted, would have been regarded by the natives as tantamount to a victory. This the Premier would not accede to, and Moorosi would be satisfied with nothing less. At last the Premier said, 'Well, Moorosi, if that is your last word, then you are good as a dead man. You see the troops below. If you do not surrender unconditionally within a few days they will take the mountain, and make an end of you and your people. If you don't care for your own life think of the lives of others.' Mr. Sprigg then instructed the interpreter to advise the councillors, in his own name, to point out to their chief the folly of further resistance. Those thirteen uncivilised Kaffirs behaved like noble savages. They remained perfectly silent, without moving a muscle. With great difficulty the interpreter at last elicited a single reply from them. 'We are Moorosi's people,' they said. That and nothing more. Moorosi had spoken. That was sufficient for them. In life and in death they belonged to him. The interview—differing in this respect from that of Mr. Rhodes with the Matabele—resulted in a bitter disappointment to the old chief and his faithful followers. He had Mr. Sprigg and his five companions completely in his power. A single gesture and they would have been dead men. But, nevertheless, the Colonial Premier did not yield an inch, and Moorosi allowed the white ambassadors to return uninjured. He returned to his stronghold, and fourteen days afterwards the words of the Premier were verified, Moorosi and his faithful followers perished, fighting to the last!

"Returning from his 'indaba,' Mr. Rhodes said, 'Such events make life worth living.' Sir Gordon could have said the same about his 'indaba' with the invincible old Kaffir, near the Orange River."

A SPOTLESS COMPLEXION.—Sulpholine Lotion clears off all imperfections in a few days. Spots, Blemishes, Irritating Redness, Uncomfortable Skin Disfigurements. Shilling bottles of Sulpholine.—[Advt.]

THE BASEBALL TEAM FOR AMERICA.

APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE.

REASSURING PROSPECTS.

At a meeting of the Victorian Baseball League held last night, Major Wardill in the chair, the project of sending an Australian team to America in March next was very cordially approved, and a resolution carried, in which all the officers of the league were urged to co-operate heartily with Mr. Harry Musgrove in making the tour a success. Letters were received from South Australia inquiring as to the prospects of an intercolonial match in Melbourne early in February. The South Australians were anxious to know on what grounds three players from that colony had been asked whether they would go, and expressed a hope that as Melbourne and Adelaide were the homes of the game in Australia, every effort would be made to get the best team.

Mr. W. Bruce, in reply to the inquiries by the South Australian league, said the South Australians could rest assured that there was no intercolonial feeling of any kind in the matter. Letters had been sent not to three, but to seven South Australians, and that list would have been further extended but for the fact that they were not familiar with the form of Adelaide players, whom, they understood, had dropped the game for some time past, and were taking it up again in anticipation of this tour through America. He could assure the South Australians that the best team would be picked irrespective of where they came from. The project had been first mooted on this side, and having with Mr. Laver and Mr. Ingleton, been appointed a selection committee, they had to determine first whether the leading players were willing to go if chosen. Had the intercolonial match not been mooted, they had intended to invite a number of the South Australian players to Melbourne in order to get some idea as to their form.

Mr. Harry Musgrove, who is to be manager of the team, gave some particulars as to the team, much of which has already appeared in "The Argus." He stated that letters had been received from 18 leading players announcing their willingness to go if selected, so that there would be no difficulty about players. Mr. Hart, the president of the Chicago club, had assured them that if the visiting team could make a good game with their third class nines, it would be a success. The expenses of the tour would be little more than half that of an English trip, and they could get good terms for travelling. The idea was to begin in San Francisco, and play east, taking some of the weaker clubs first, and arranging bigger matches in the second half of the season if their form justified it.

Mr. T. Smith, who has seen the game played both in America and Australia, and had taken part in it in both countries, said the Australian team would find, in most of the large towns, good ball grounds and large crowds to attend the matches. He was certain that the Australian fielding was superior to that of the ordinary amateur teams, but the Australians were deficient in batting, and did not, he thought, go in for sufficient practice with the bat. Bruce was one of the few bats-men here who attempted scientific batting. They wanted to open their shoulders more frequently, and remember that they were not using a cricket bat. He advised them to go in strongly for pitching and batting practice, and felt quite assured that, with their great strength in fielding, they would beat the third-class American teams.

Mr. J. S. Milford said he would urge the players strongly to strive to show the Americans a gentle, manly game, something that would make the people say, when they wanted an illustration of fairness, "Look at the Australians." Like the cricketers, they should not grumble if they got three varying decisions from an umpire off as many successive balls. He also suggested the advisability of getting a characteristic Australian uniform—he did not, of course, mean a 'possum rug.

Later on the details of the proposed match with South Australia were discussed, and it was decided to play a series of three games in Melbourne in the first week of February. Meanwhile, the local players will go into active practice for the match, as hitherto baseball has been played here only as a winter game.

Most of the local men take the view that the Americans altogether under-estimate the progress the game has made here. They feel quite sure that they will outfield the teams they meet, as the Americans invariably use a padded glove, which prevents one-handed fielding, in which Australians are expert. Although they have not, as Mr. Smith stated, gone in for much batting practice with the baseball club, their constant cricket practice serves in the same way to train the eye to accuracy, and is a good substitute for the other, and they anticipate that three weeks' thorough practice at San Francisco will not only greatly improve their sliding to base, but also their batting. As for pitching, the local players think that their powers in this respect have been altogether under-estimated. There are in Melbourne at least four men all of whom can pitch good curve balls, and there are several first-rate catchers. Within the next few days further steps will be taken, both as to the selection of teams and the arrangement of practice matches, in view of the games with South Australia.

LARRIKINISM AT RICHMOND.

On Christmas Eve, a man named Charles Ward, a dealer, residing at South Yarra, was on his way from Richmond, and called at Fallon's Prince Alfred Hotel, near the Church-street bridge. Here he was attacked by a dangerous gang of roughs, the members of which have terrorised the neighbourhood for several years past. Ward was knocked down by a well-known character named David Fitzgerald, and kicked by him and others of the gang. Ward, later on, obtained the assistance of Constable Withers, who arrested Fitzgerald. The latter fought like a wild beast, and bit the constable, who was then attacked by the entire gang and stoned into insensibility. Yesterday, at the Richmond Court, Fitzgerald was charged with assaulting Ward, and was sentenced to pay £10, or three months' imprisonment. He was further charged with assaulting the constable, and a companion named William O'Gorman, now undergoing a sentence of 12 months' for vagrancy, was charged with obstructing the police. Both prisoners pleaded not guilty. Inspector Devine prosecuted, and a dozen witnesses gave evidence confirming the statement for the prosecution. The Bench, consisting of Messrs. Tatnall, Hartnell, and Fincham, J.P.'s, committed both prisoners for trial. The career of Fitzgerald has been a notorious one, there being 33 convictions recorded against him, including larceny, and a large number of acts of violence. The gang to which the prisoners belong has made the locality unsafe for pedestrians after nightfall, and a number of local residents are proposing to petition the police authorities for a constant patrol at night in the vicinity of the bridge.

AN OLD MERCANTILE MAN IN DISTRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—Kindly permit us to bring under the notice of the merchants of Melbourne and others the following pitiable case:—An old mercantile broker, 42 years in the colony, with a wife and five children, has fallen upon evil times. Owing to failing sight and bodily strength, he is unable to follow his occupation, in consequence of which the whole family are in dire distress. His wife has been very ill, but is now recovering, and the few who are aware of the wretched condition of these really respectable, deserving people are of opinion that if a small sum could be raised to start the wife, who is an intelligent good worker, in some little business, she would be able, with the assistance of her eldest daughter, now 14 years old, to support the entire family. We write with this end in view, and desire to state that subscriptions may be sent to the undersigned, who will undertake that the amount subscribed is properly applied.—Yours, &c.,

JOHN W. M'COMAS, Collins-street, 507.
JAMES HOGAN, Elizabeth-street, 285.
Jan. 4. Elizabeth-street, 285.

[We shall be glad to take charge of donations.—Ed. "A."]

WAGES IN CAPETOWN AND IN MELBOURNE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—With regard to the poor workingmen doing labourers' work at the Cape for 4/6 and 5/ per day, would it surprise you to know there are plenty of all kinds of good tradesmen and labourers likewise would think it a peace of real good luck for the New Year if there were any jobs to be had in Melbourne at present at 4/ or 5/ and find their own tools, brushes, &c.—Yours, &c., A WORKING PAINTER.
Jan. 6.

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ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

By L.B.

After more than half a cent … ry of inertia a revival has apparently taken … place in the desire for further Antarctic … exploration. Although many attempts hav … e been made in recent years to organise … a expedition to the "Frozen South," yet, st … range to say, all such efforts have proved … abortive, evidently on account of the half … hearted manner in which they were … out. About 1890, serious efforts … ade by the scientific bodies of Aust … raise funds for sending an expedition … he Antarctic for scientific research, and … negotiations were carried on for that purp … ose with the famous Swedish explorer, Bar … n Nordenskjold, who was asked to accep … the leadership of the expedition. Substan … tial amounts were privately subscribed, a … d, with the various official grants promi … , the total nearly reached the sum of … £15,000, estimated to be required for the … undertaking, but finally the plan fell throu … h, as the interest shown by the colonies w … as not equal to overcoming the last diffi … ulties. It is astonishing that in this centu … y of marvellous scientific discoveries and … of universal advancement, we should evince … so little interest in becoming acquainted … with a vast continent, larger than the w … hole of Australia; that, although we are … acquainted with the geographical conf … guration of other planets, we should be ig … norant of the geographical features of our o … wn. In former years scientific expeditions … all over the world were organised without … much difficulty, the public was not … unwilling to utilise its money for so noble … a purpose; but now, unless there is some … pecuniary inducement attached, it is with … the greatest reluctance that people will s … ubscribe for such undertakings. The adv … ancement of scientific knowledge has no pr … estige for the majority, the accumulation of … money is the all-absorbing object. Th … lack of interest in scientific orga … nisations is more conspicuous in Aus … tralia than in any other country. Mr. … Bull tells us, in his recent publi … cation, the "Cruise of the Antarctic," h … ow, for five years, he worked unceasingly … in Australia for the promotion of Antarcti … c exploration without success, and how, aft … er his failure here, he proceeded to Norway, … and there, in a few days, found the money … required to carry out his purpose; the … money, some £5,000, being provided by a … n old Arctic whaler, Commander Svend Fo … yn, of whom Mr. Bull speaks in ma … eul … istic terms. Unfortunately, the "A … " was commissioned for the purp … haling, and not for scientific researc … theless, Mr. Bull, in his interesting b … vides much valuable information, and giv … some vivid descriptions of Antarctic phen … mena.

Considering the comparative … r small distance from Australia to the … Antarctic it is not impossible (apart from … he scientific question) that an expedition o … commercial lines might find supporters … among the speculative colonial business … en. Good business should result from … such commercial enterprise if the stat … ment about the numerous "right" or black … whales, given by Sir James Ross, proves cor … ect. In the work referred to, seals were a … o described as very numerous in the An … arctic Seas. The opening up of a whaling … and sealing industry would mean a boon … f no small extent to Australia—in par … cular, as it would form a convenient out … t for numbers of unemployed labourers … willing to work, of which Australia has … at present plenty to spare. The principal … discoverers of the Antarctic coasts … re Wilkes, D'Urville, and Ross, of whom … he latter, in 1842, followed a coast over 1,0 … miles, between 72deg. and 79deg. south … atitude and 160deg. and 179deg. east longitu … le, to which he gave the name of Victoria L … and, and on which he discovered a volca … o (Erebus) 12,000ft. high in 167deg. east l … ngitude and 77deg. south latitude, as wel … as another extinct one (Terror) 10,200f … high, and then discovered the south m … gnetic pole. During investigation of the wi … ds and currents, facts and circumstances … have been revealed which indicate the ex … stence of a mild climate within the Antarctic circle. The facts … and circumstances which suggest mildness … of climate about the South Pole are the … —A low barometer, a high degree of ac … ial rarefaction, and strong winds from … the north. The Antarctic climates are, in … winter, very unlike the Arctic for rigour … d severity. Thus Labrador and the Falk … and Islands are in corresponding latitudes … north and south. They are both on the … windward shore of the Atlantic; they … ccupy relatively the same position with … regard to wind. Labrador is almost unin … abitable on account of the severity of its … limate, but in the Falkland Islands and … heir neighbouring shores the cattle find … pasturage throughout the winter. As ter … ing to confirm these views touching the … mildness of unknown Antarctic climates, th … statement of Captain Smyley, an Amer … can sealer, may be mentioned. He plante … d a self-registering thermometer on the … South Shetlands, latitude 63deg. south, an … left it for several winters, during which … me it went no lower than 5deg. Fahr. Th … se indications plead most eloquently the … ause of exploration there. The gales ar … the great danger with which Antarctic … explorers have to contend. The belt from … the south of Tasmania to the Antarctic … ontinent is a region of furious storms, alt … ough once within the pack-ice calm weat … her usually prevails. Mr. Bull, in his book … , says that "however boisterous the weath … er was out at sea, close along the shores th … t wind was as a rule comparatively modera … e."

Antarctica does not appear to … be very fertile in botanical specimens. L … chens were found by the crew of the Antar … tic on Possession Island, and Ross stat … s that nowhere in the world were licher … more conspicuous than in the Falkland … lands. This plant would be a most valua … auxiliary to Antarctic exploration. Wi … the lichen there for food, reindeer could … e exported to the Falkland or Possession is … ands, and a depot established. With the a … sistance of these hardy animals, sledge trav … lling across the continent would be greatl … facilitated. On Kerguelen Island Sir James … Ross made a wonderful discovery of huge … fossilised trees and other evidences of a … Kerguelen covered with luxuriant forests … nd vegetation before volcanic and other di … sturbances reduced it to its present state … of sombre desolation. These evidences of … great climatic changes, whereby the sam … portions of the earth have had at variou … times climates that were glacial, temp … erate, and tropical, are of great scientific … importance. The prevalence of a tropical … at in past times in the Arctic zone is equa … ly well recognised, but, besides finding … remains … &c., often of gigantic growth … mains of tropical and semitro … have also been unearthed. N … us remains … animals once existed in the nor … animals every probability that some spe … such mals also existed in the south … there is stalked through that state … of mammals vegetation of which Ross fi … nd once fossilised remains. Specimens … luxuriant brought from the Antarctic … the are "all of igneous origin, vary … rocks from dark-grey to almost black … Mr. Bull mens are so honeycombed with … n colour they will only just sink in wa … speci specimen from Cape Adare is a … ities that of which is formed of vein quar … One other half of a granitic rock … ble, half southern icebergs, they are rath … and the than of salt water; "they are tr … As for afloat." These icebergs, in th … of fresh war, tell that the physical featu … glaciers unexplored land are such in i … r mute slopes as to favour the formation … of that on the shore, and show that the … northern in the Antarctic regions of … glaciers and high land—is plausible at l … of land graphers are agreed that the re … ch land. are in favour of an Antarctic … est. Geo rather than of an Antarctic ocean … babilities no doubt that the millions of … continent square miles of Antarctica offer … There is the most fascinating characte … nexplored meteorologist, geologist, and … oblems of The highest authorities affirm tha … to the the most important questions in … ographer. magnetism and physical geogra … many of rally must remain doubtful unti … errestrial tion parties have made the nec … phy general servations throughout the year … explora points of Antarctica. The shores … ssary ob interest to the botanist, and off … n various mense field to the zoologist.

Within the periphery of that c … ave some cluded an area equal in extent to … r an im part of the entire land surfac … rcle is in planet. Most of this immense … one-sixth unknown to the inhabitants of th … of our the interior of one of Jupiter's … ea is as With the appliances of steam t … earth as with the lights of science to gu … atellites. would be a reproach to the world … aid us. such a large portion of its su … o permit longer to remain unexplored. Fo … face any 200 years the Arctic Ocean has … the last theatre for exploration; but a … been a Antarctic, no expedition has atte … for the make any persistent exploration … mpted to winter there. England through … even to Ross, Russia through Billinghause … ook and through D'Urville, and the Unit … France through Wilkes, have sent expe … d States the South Sea. They sighted a … itions to along the icy barrier, but none … d sailed … of them spent the winter or essayed to travel across and look beyond the first impediment. The expeditions which have been sent to explore unknown seas have contributed largely to the stock of human knowledge, and they have added renown to nations, lustre to diadems. Peace has its conquests, science its glories, and we can boast of no brighter chaplets than those which have been gathered in the fields of geographical exploration and physical research. It is to be hoped that these circumstances may vindicate, in the eyes of all, the propriety of an appeal for Antarctic exploration and plead for its favourable consideration among Australians.

ROBBING AN EMPLOYER.

At the Richmond Court yesterday, before Messrs. Tatnall, Hartnell, and Fincham, J.P.'s, a young man named Edward Bonney was charged with stealing a gold scarf ring, pair of gold sleeve links, and a quantity of other articles value £16, the property of William Malone, of the Corner Hotel, Swan-street, Richmond. The evidence of prosecutor showed that on the 8th August last he engaged prisoner as cook, but on the 24th August discharged him. After he had gone the articles were missed. Detectives Carter and Dungey traced accused to several places in the colony where he had been employed since August, and he was finally arrested at Latrobe, Tasmania, by Constable Keogh, who was despatched with an extradition warrant. Mr. Jones appeared for the defence, and called Detective Carter to prove that accused had worked industriously and with good repute since leaving Mr. Malone's. There was nothing previously against prisoner. All the property had been recovered except some gold studs, worth £3, which accused declared he had not taken. He had not attempted to part with any of the other property. Mr. Jones said accused was willing to pay the cost of the extradition warrant, and the £3 representing the value of the missing studs. Mr. Malone said he would be satisfied; he did not wish to be hard on accused. The Bench, taking into consideration accused's desire to make reparation, and the fact that he had been in custody since Christmas Day, sentenced him to seven days' imprisonment.

A STABBING CASE.

At the Richmond Court yesterday, before Messrs. Tatnall, Hartnell, and Fincham, J.P.'s, a foreigner named Andrew Peterson was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Thomas Henry. On New Year's Eve the parties were in the Blacksmiths' Arms Hotel, Bridge-road, where Henry was drinking with some friends. Accused asked for a drink, and Henry gave him some, but called him "a cadger." Anderson then stabbed Henry in the neck with a pocket-knife. Accused, who was arrested by Senior-constable Grant, said, "I'm sorry for what I did, but I was beastly drunk, and don't remember anything about it." He was committed for trial.

SUPPRESSION OF GAMING.

ARREST AT NORTH MELBOURNE.

Patrick Corrigan, clerk, was arrested yesterday afternoon at 52 Errol-street, North Melbourne, by Detective-sergeant Gleeson, and lodged in the … watchhouse, charged with using the premises for the purpose of betting, and also with being found in a common gaming-house without lawful excuse. Accused will appear at the local court on Monday, 11th inst. Bail was allowed.

INSOLVENCY COURT.

(Before the Chief Clerk, Mr. H. W. Macleod.)

General meetings of creditors were held and closed before the chief clerk in Insolvency yesterday in the estates of Ernest Arthur Hubbard, of South Melbourne, watchmaker; Emma Barber, of Carlton, hotelkeeper; Jessie Jeffery, of South Melbourne, widow.

A meeting was also held and closed in the estate of Arthur George Kent Johnston, of St. Kilda, mining engineer, and Mr. Edward Little was elected trustee.

ALLEGED CARD CHEATING.

Henry Patterson, who was arrested on Tuesday night by the Port Melbourne police on a charge of cheating Charles Mackenzie, a traveller for Messrs. Macrow and Co., jewellers, of about £5/10/ in money and jewellery to the value of nearly £50, was brought up at the local police court yesterday. The cheating was alleged to have taken place at an hotel in Port Melbourne, where Mackenzie and Patterson were playing cribbage. The accused was remanded for a week, bail being allowed in one surety of £100 and accused's own recognisance for the same amount.

AN INFANT INDUSTRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—As a farmer, I have studied with interest the leaflet lately issued by the Victorian Protectionist Association, entitled, "Protection and the Farmers," in which the commodities are enumerated the duties on which have placed the farmers in their present prosperous condition. I am, of course, conversant with the beneficial effects of the duties on bran, pollard, oatmeal, milk, butter, cider, mustard, chicory, &c., but there is one item in the list which has caused me much perplexity. Among the benefits conferred by protection on the farmers is stated to be a duty on "dholl." Now, Sir, what is "dholl?" Is it a plant or an animal? When do you sow it, or how is it bred? I can neither find it in the dictionary, nor quoted in the papers, nor dare I ask a farmer, "How is your dholl?" as the drought is causing shortness of temper. Is the "h" a printer's error, and is this a new infant industry? If so, how does the doll multiply, and should the young be weaned on sawdust, and taught, when pressed, to squeak "more protection." Has the duty been imposed to prevent our farmers being subject to a "trade invasion" of German dolls, and is the Emperor paying Mr. Max Hirsch to agitate for the abolition of the duty? Will the cobbler of Richmond or the Bourke-street hatter give the farmers the benefit of their knowledge on the subject, or, better still, the leader writer of the protectionist journal, who advised the growing of pepper and other spices, and who preached the gospel of hope—Give up wheat, and take to worms. It would be well if they spoke at once, as the deplorable exodus of our farmers to New South Wales might thus be prevented, for surely they would not wittingly leave the land blessed by a protective duty on "dholl" for one that knows it not.—Yours, &c.,

LEONARD OUTHWAITE.
Upper King River, Jan. 5.

THE BLACK HORSE UNITED COMPANY, EGERTON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—In reply to "Shareholder" in "The Argus" of to-day, re tailings of the Black Horse United Company, Egerton, the directors are carefully considering the whole matter, and at present a number of bores are being put down to the bottom, and fair samples for assay taken from each, so that some idea of the probable value of the heap may be ascertained. Until this is completed, no action will be taken as to disposal, and shareholders may rest assured that the directors will do the best (in their opinion) for the company.—Yours, &c.,

WM. JACKSON, Manager.
Ballarat, Jan. 6.

THE LATE RED RAIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—Allow me through your columns to make a suggestion to persons having monuments or headstones, &c., of marble in the metropolitan and country cemeteries to have them washed down without delay. The amount of iron contained in the late rain has had the effect of seriously staining almost every marble stone, particularly ledgers, and unless attended to will be permanently damaged.—Yours, &c.,

Fitzroy, Jan. 6. E. T. APPS.

Two men named William Elvey and Alexander M'Culloch were lodged in the North Melbourne watchhouse by Constable Foley yesterday on warrants charging them with larceny as servants. They were charged separately, on the information of Jessie Oliver, with appropriating sums of money amounting in all to £2/16/. They will appear at the local court on Monday next.

LITERARY, ARTISTIC, MUSICAL—FREE.
It is certain that the literary, artistic, musical, and entertaining public institution known as the "Book Arcade" is deservedly a favourite resort, and that it would be a great mistake to close it or curtail its usefulness by unworkable restrictions. The fact that over 20,000 people signed a petition on the spot in 23 days, praying that Parliament would allow it to remain open as heretofore, on account of its public usefulness, shows their appreciation of it, and although, unfortunately, the population has diminished considerably, the attendance at the Book Arcade was never greater than at present. On Christmas Eve, in particular, it was simply packed with visitors right through from the Block in Bourke-street to the Block in Collins-street. With respect to the attendants, eight hours per day, untrammelled as to times, should satisfy all, particularly in the present times of low expenses and little trade.—[Advt.]

COUNTRY NEWS.

BENDIGO.

On Tuesday evening the Holloway Dramatic Company, which has been appearing at the Princess's Theatre for over a week, produced for the first time in Australia a sensational drama, by Frank Hervey, entitled "Shall We Forgive Her?"

CASTLEMAINE.

The codlin moth is causing serious injury to apple trees in the Guildford district, notwithstanding the efforts made to destroy the pest.

WARRNAMBOOL.

A young man named Patrick Gorman was arrested on Wednesday night on a charge of arson. On New Year's morning his stone house, about two miles from Warrnambool, was partially destroyed by fire, which occurred under singular circumstances. It started about 11 o'clock, and was burning for several hours, Gorman being the only person about the place. During that time he removed all the furniture from the rooms, and took off the doors and windows. The police have been investigating the matter, and on Wednesday Mr. Leith, the adjustor for the Atlas Company, in which the building was insured for £100, discovered that the flooring and ceiling boards had been saturated with kerosene. Gorman was then arrested.

A PLUCKY LAD.

HORSHAM, Tuesday.

A lad named Rogers, 19 years of age, son of Mr. Nehemiah Rogers, of Kalkee, has had a very narrow escape from drowning, owing his life to another lad, two years younger than himself, who was his companion at the time. Rogers, with several other lads, was bathing in the Wimmera, when he got into a deep hole. He was unable to swim, and it became evident to his companions that he was drowning. Their cries attracted the attention of a young man named William Davies, who was in the vicinity, and he jumped into the river after the drowning lad. The boy, who had lost all presence of mind, wildly caught at his would-be rescuer, and firmly twined his arm round Davies's neck, thus dragging him down into the water with him. Davies, with great presence of mind, slipped through the drowning boy's arms, and was thus enabled to rise to the surface. At this stage Robert Matthews, 17 years of age, came to the rescue of the pair, showing very conspicuous courage. As Rogers was sinking for the last time he seized him by the back of the head, and, though by no means a strong lad, managed to pull him out of the hole and to the bank of the river, where he was received by willing hands and taken out of the water.

THE RESULT OF THE STOCK TAX.

ECHUCA, Wednesday.

The local stock inspector (Mr. G. Stokes) has just made up the returns of stock which crossed the border at Echuca. The figures are as follows for the year 1896:—Sheep, 173,102; cattle, 3,440; horses, 300; pigs, 88. These figures all show a decrease on the previous year's crossings, with the exception of horses, which increased by 152; but this is accounted for the fact that the tax was taken off. Sheep show a decrease of 98,703, cattle 4,937, and pigs 559. A large proportion of the sheep which formerly passed through alive are now killed and frozen at the Freezing Works, Deniliquin, and are exported.

MARKETING AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

TERANG, Wednesday.

Last night Mr. William Bateman delivered a lecture at Terang on the marketing of Australian produce. This is the first of a series that gentleman proposes giving at the different dairying centres of the Western district. The lecturer dealt exhaustively with the subject, treating the present mode of doing business and pointing out its defects, and then suggesting a remedy in the factories forming a co-operative society to do their own marketing. If this were done, there would be a saving to the Victorian dairymen of £30,000 a year in agents' commissions. The success achieved by the co-operative movement amongst the consumers of Great Britain and amongst the dairy produce exporters of Timaru and Christchurch was instanced to show the practical value of the co-operative principle. The first portion of the lecture dealt with the present method in which the export trade is conducted, and it was shown that in order to support the middlemen engaged in the trade the producer invariably had to pay the toll. As instance was given where one firm of agents, on its own authority, exported last season £135,000 worth of butter. In this case the commission would amount to £6,570, of which, if 1½ per cent. were allowed for cost of management, £5,063 was clear gain to the agent and loss to the producer. Reference was made at considerable length to the absence under the present system of any check or control over a factory's butter, or over the price realised for it. The remedy for all this, Mr. Bateman believed, would be found in the co-operation of the factories, so that they would conduct their own business and dispense altogether with the present chain of middlemen, as well as with the element of speculation, which did much to unsettle prices. Very little capital would be required to carry out the scheme. For instance, if the 20 factories in the Western district were to federate for the purpose of marketing their butter, £300 in capital would be ample. The cost of management would not exceed 1½ per cent., and the gross turnover and the saving in commission on the yearly output of £200,000, after deducting the actual cost of realising, would amount to £7,500 a year. Under such a scheme, every factory shareholder would have a voice in framing the constitution and in electing those who should form the executive. Salaried officials would conduct the sales. Foreign competition, which was yearly growing greater, would force the Australian dairymen to economise, and there was an opening for a very large saving. A competitor from whom much was to be feared was the Argentine Republic, whose exports of butter were increasing to an alarming extent. It was a mistake to suppose the people of that republic could not make good butter. They were doing it, and finding customers as well.

THE NEW HEBRIDES QUESTION.

BROADFORD, Wednesday.

At the last meeting of the Broadford branch of the Australian Natives' Association a discussion took place upon the New Hebrides question. The interview with Mr. J. Higginson, as published in "The Argus," also the leader and letters appearing in the same journal, were made use of as arguments in favour of action being taken to prevent the islands becoming the property of the French.

Mr. J. E. Fenton moved—

"That a letter be sent to the board of directors requesting them to bring the subject of the French occupation of the New Hebrides under the notice of the Premier, as one of the Victorian delegates to the Federal Council, to be held at Hobart this month, with a view to the matter being discussed by that body, and united action being taken."

They did not wish to have another French convict settlement in the Pacific similar to New Caledonia, and that would most likely be the result if France had supreme control. He was surprised that political leaders did not attach more importance to the question. Mr. Service, when Premier in 1884, made this a very live question.

Councillor R. Corney, president of the branch, seconded the motion. He said if the French got full possession of the islands it would be a continual menace to Australasia. He was surprised at an Englishman like Mr. Higginson acting on behalf of a foreign nation. The islands naturally belonged to Australia, and every effort should be made to retain possession.

Mr. J. G. Pemberton thought the resolution would do no harm, but, at the same time, he thought the French could not take sole possession while there was an agreement in respect to united control.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the action of "The Argus" in bringing the subject prominently before the public was eulogised.

THE WAIL VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

HORSHAM, Tuesday.

The experiment in homestead settlement made at Wail, distant some 15 miles from Horsham, is being attended with gratifying success. Already the Wail settlement has been attended with excellent results, whilst its prospects are highly encouraging. The blocks certainly are small, and the land is not the best in the district. But water, supplied by natural springs and by the efforts of the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust, is plentiful. The blocks have been roughly fenced, and houses, a few of them substantial and comfortable, but the majority of a rough-and-ready description, have been built. The crops this year are fair all round, better for the most part than those of the neighbouring farmers, owing, no doubt, to the facts that virgin land is being worked, and that the smallness of the areas dealt with makes careful cultivation possible; and the stock, the milking cows especially, are in good condition, green feed being specially grown for them. The settlers supply themselves with milk by keeping a number of goats. Gardens are in process of formation, and poultry and pigs are kept, both to supply the settlers' own wants and for profitable disposal in Horsham and the nearer townships of Dimboola, Wail, and Pimpinio. The settlers are cheerful and hopeful, looking forward to a permanent and happy occupancy of the homes that have been provided for them, and to making the best use of the industrial opportunities that are at their disposal.

BENALLA.—A little boy, aged 4 years, one of the victims of the burning accident which occurred at the house of a village settler named Smith, on Sunday night, at Kilfera, died from shock on Tuesday morning. Mr. W. J. R. Wallace conducted a magisterial inquiry, when a verdict of accidental death was recorded. The other members of the family who received burns are progressing favourably.

CHILDERS.—The annual picnic at Childers was held on December 30. In the evening a concert was held in the Mechanics' Institute in aid of that building. The attendance was very good, and, owing to the smallness of the hall, which proved altogether inadequate for those seeking admission, a considerable number were forced to remain outside. The funds raised will be used in enlarging the hall. A ball followed the concert.—On Friday evening last a concert was held in the Thorpdale Mechanics' Institute in aid of the Childers and Thorpdale Cemetery. There was an attendance of fully 120 persons, and a first-class programme was submitted.

KILMORE.—Some unpleasantness occurred at the meeting of the Kilmore Shire Council on Tuesday. It has always been the custom that tenders for works should be taken out of the tender-box at the council-table, but on Tuesday the secretary produced a bundle of tenders which he had opened without authority. The president (Councillor W. L. Taylor) declined to receive them, and summarily committed the whole lot to the fireplace and burnt them. The secretary was soundly rated for his action, and fresh tenders were ordered to be called for the whole of the works, the tenders to be kept in a locked box until opened by the president in the presence of the members.

OAKLEIGH.—A special meeting of the borough council was held on Tuesday night, when the question of retrenchment was fully gone into. It was decided to amalgamate the offices of town clerk, clerk of works, rate-collector, and valuer, at a salary of £150 per year, with a bonus of £25 if the larger portion of the rates (£1,600) were collected within the year. This represents a saving of about £60. It was also resolved to strike a rate of 2/ in the £1.

TALLAROOK.—The residence of Mr. William Johnston, railway employe, was destroyed by fire at an early hour on Wednesday morning. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD.—The entertainment held at the Beaconsfield Assembly-hall on New Year's Day was a great success. The secretary of the ladies' committee (Mrs. Goff) reports that the amount realised is £23/10/, which will be divided equally between the two denominations holding religious services in the building.

WERRIBEE.—A fire occurred at Balfour's Camp Hotel on Tuesday evening, and it was only by the great exertions of those who were about at the time that the hotel was saved from total destruction. The fire occurred in the front parlour, and its origin cannot be accounted for. The contents of the room were totally destroyed.—As the Saturday half-holiday comes into force on Saturday next in Werribee, all the shops remained open as usual on Wednesday.

TUNGAMAH.—On Wednesday Francis Erle, secretary and manager of the Wilby Butter Factory, was charged before Mr. Ward, J.P., with having attempted to criminally assault Catherine Jane Parker, aged 14 years, the daughter of a neighbour. Accused, on the application of arresting Constable Faigh, was remanded for three days, bail being allowed in two sureties of £100 each, and his own recognisance of £100. No bail was forthcoming. The accused has been suspended from duty by the factory directors.

WEDDERBURN.—The annual meeting of subscribers to the local Institute and Free Library was held on Monday night, Mr. T. W. Cosh in the chair. The attendance, though small, was up to the average of late years. The annual report and balance-sheet, duly audited, were produced, and the former document stated that during the year 100 new books had been added to the library, one of the rooms had been considerably enlarged, and placed at the disposal of the Chess Club free of cost, and that after providing for all liabilities there was a balance to credit. A draft of a new constitution was then submitted from the retiring committee, which provided for the governing body being composed of the trustees, and 12 members, to be appointed by the subscribers. It also proposed to alter the title of the institute from Korong to Wedderburn, but as the former was the designation adopted by the founders, the meeting resolved to adhere to it. The constitution was then approved and adopted, and the following gentlemen elected members of the committee:—Messrs. T. W. Cosh, John Craig, Corinaldi, M'Indoe, Rinder, Treble, Bramwell, Dr. Rinder, Goode, and Gray. The committee met shortly after, and appointed Mr. Samuel Rinder president, and Mr. T. W. Cosh vice-president.

WOODEND.—Alexander Grant, a very old resident of Woodend North, was found dead in bed on Sunday morning.—On Tuesday, the driver of a baker's cart named John Ward was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment in Castlemaine Gaol for stealing a watch and chain and breast pin, valued at £10, from a fellow employe.

YARRAM.—A ton of sugar last week cost Messrs. Juniper and Son £1/15/9 by rail from Melbourne, as against 10/ per ton usually paid for water-carriage. Local storekeepers cannot make use of the railways, and complaints are numerous respecting the rates charged. Nearly all the consignments are forwarded by water to Port Albert, but in the case mentioned a parcel of sugar was over-carried to Bairnsdale, and a supply by rail was necessary to meet requirements.

PERIODICAL TICKETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—I am not acquainted with the genial chairman of the Railway Commissioners, but believe he comes from that race that claims stolidity as one of its virtues, and how he could allow such a flimsy, tawdry disc of combined ugliness to supplant the more solid and neat metal pass is inexplicable. One can only imagine that a compromise was effected between a luggage check and a Jubilee medal. Like your correspondent "D.D.," I don't feel proud of mine, and shall in future wear it in my breeches pocket, instead of the more convenient watch chain.—Yours, &c., NO. 13.
Jan. 6.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—I heartily endorse the remarks of your correspondent Mr. Turnley on the subject of the pasteboard tickets lately issued by the railway authorities in lieu of metal passes. The issue if these metal discs to periodical travellers, instead of being restricted, should be largely extended, for various reasons. Most of us have experienced the annoyance which pervades a crowd of business passengers blocked at a gate while some unfortunate is engaged rummaging his pockets for a securely-hidden pass, and some of us know what it is to have lost a "monthly," and how pleasant it feels to have to pay twice. These inconveniences would be entirely obviated by the metal pass, which, once it is on a man's watch-chain, forms almost a part of himself. I hope Mr. Mathieson will not only recall the offending half-yearly tickets, but that he will apply the metal disc system to all periodical passes.—I am, &c.

Jan. 6. PERIODICAL.

CYCLING.

ARRIVAL OF LESNA.

A FRENCH CHAMPION.

A wheelman whose name is famous throughout the world for speed and endurance arrived in Melbourne yesterday by the F.M.S. Polynesien. This is Lesna, one of the champions of France, whose riding has frequently electrified the people of Europe. M. Lesna's visit will extend over four months, and will embrace in that period the whole of the colonies. He has been attracted by the big prizes offered, and by the fame of Australia as a racing cyclist's paradise; and has expressed his determination of carrying back to France some of the gold of the Sunny South. For pacing purposes he brings with him a sturdy pacer, named "George," and four triplets, five tandems, two quads, and one quintet, which will be mounted by local men selected by the Dunlop Tire Company, and manœuvred by "George." When he is properly wound up, and has his pace-makers working, Australians will, for the first time, have a reliable standard of European form. M. Lesna has lost weight on the voyage out, but he is otherwise in good health, and will commence training at once to fit himself for his engagements, which commence forthwith. He will ride a Gladiator bicycle, fitted with a Simpson lever chain and Dunlop tires.

Accompanying the champion are Monsieur Pognon (sporting representative of the Clement-Gladiator-Humber Company), and Monsieur Ullmo, a business representative of the same company. M. Pognon will devote his attention to racing, while M. Ullmo will transact business negotiations for his company. They have also a scheme for the establishment in Melbourne of a cycle racing stable. The idea is new to Australia, though not to the old world. If carried out, we will have amongst us a constant succession of the best European riders, starting with Lesna, Platt-Betts, Huret, Michael, Tom Linton, Protin, and Bange.

The party have taken Enfield, Carlisle-street, St. Kilda, for three months, and will make it their Australian headquarters.

HEADACHE.
Readers of this paper should know that Bishop's "Citrate of Caffeine" is an immediate cure for headache. Strongly recommended by the "Lancet" and "British Medical Journal." Of all chemists, in two sizes. You should try a small bottle. Wholesale depot—456 Collins-street, Melbourne.—[Advt.]

GLIMPSES OF THE ENGLISH STAGE.

A CHAT WITH MR. HARRY MUSGROVE.

When Mr. Harry Musgrove visited England as the manager of the last Australian Eleven he went to a country where he already had many friends, for the London stage is, in these days, thickly sprinkled with actors and actresses who have trodden the boards in Australia, and the ingenue, the soubrette, the principal boy, and the fashionable tenor or baritone who formerly appeared before Melbourne audiences are now facing the music at half the theatres in London. Mr. Musgrove left the steamer at Naples on the homeward voyage, and travelled overland to London, in order to have a few days for arranging business matters before the team arrived. An evening in Paris was sufficient to show that there were no variety stars there likely to suit the Australian taste, and the manager, metaphorically putting wax in his ears, fled from the sirens of the Casino. In London he met many friends, and received messages from many more. Miss Jennie Lee, who was a familiar figure in Melbourne two or three years ago, and was equally well known in London a score of years back, was playing "Jo" at Drury-lane when the Australian cricketers arrived. She wore the same ragged knickerbockers, with the holes in the legs, and she carried the same broom that she has flourished any time for a quarter of a century past. Miss Jennie Lee never forgets Australia, and, after receiving a call in her dressing-room from the Earl of Hopetoun, as she recently recorded in triumph, Melbourne holds a particularly warm place in the volatile little lady's heart. Time writes no wrinkle on her azure brow, and though her son, who used to walk about Collins-street in a kilt once and afterwards in knickerbockers, is now promoted to a dress suit in the evenings, Miss Jennie Lee herself is as full of gaiety as ever. On the second morning of the first test match, after the Australians had all been dismissed for 54 in the first innings, the disconsolate manager received a cheering telegram from warm-hearted "Jo" in these words, "Wish the boys better luck next innings." The records of the match show that Jo got her wish, for in the next innings Trott made 150, or thereabouts, and Gregory went over the century.

One of the first men that Mr. Musgrove met when the team went up to Sheffield to play Yorkshire was Mr. Charles Ryley. He was standing on the platform waiting for the train to come in, and gave the team a warm welcome. He was playing in the Gaiety burlesque, "My Girl," which was being given a trial spin in the provinces, and, of course, many of the Australians went to see him. It was a pity that cricket had to be played, because Mr. Ryley offered to "show them round," and he still had the reputation of being a capital guide. Mr. Louis Bradfield wrote asking permission to wear the Australian colours on his hat, and the mercurial "Captain Coddington" was delighted when the privilege was granted to him, although his fellow-professionals chaffed him mightily upon his devotion to the country in which he had spent only a few months in all. An earlier friend was Mr. "Teddy" Lonnen, who renewed his acquaintance with Mr. Musgrove at the Empire. "Teddy" is reported to be thinner than ever, but, thin as he was, he filled his part admirably in "The New Barmaid." Arthur Roberts, the leading light of the London music hall stage, has talked about coming to Australia, but need hardly be expected. He was very anxious that the Australian Eleven should play a match against a theatrical eleven before they started their regular season. The "lion comique" possesses a trick bat, which he finds very useful for theatrical cricket matches, because it is about twice the size of an ordinary bat, and has a stage trap in the front, which admits the ball when it strikes the spot into a convenient inner receptacle, so that the ingenious player can run his century all off at once, if the other players do not club him before it is finished. Mr. Musgrove was obliged regretfully to decline the promising fixture proposed by Mr. Roberts.

Of the ladies who have appeared at Melbourne theatres, Mr. Musgrove saw quite a number. As the Earl of Hopetoun called on Miss Jennie Lee in her dressing-room, Mr. Musgrove felt bound to act in accordance with such a distinguished precedent, and paid a visit to Miss Pattie Browne in hers. Miss Pattie Brown is still the lively and vivacious soubrette who used to climb a tree so effectively in the "Parvenu" at the Bijou Theatre, and she keeps herself in condition by riding the ubiquitous "bike." Miss Hilda Spong had her triumph still to score when the team were in London, but Mr. Musgrove and "Trotty," when taking a constitutional on the Brighton chain pier on the Sunday before the commencement of the Sussex match, met Mr. Tom Haydon and Mrs. Haydon with their daughter, Miss Ethel Haydon, who has been playing leading singing parts with extraordinary success lately. Mr. Musgrove reports that this charming young actress was looking her best. The weight of "Trotty's" compliments evidently loosened the foundations of the famous chain pier, for a recent cable message announced that a mere gale of wind destroyed it.

Mr. Musgrove points to two principal tendencies which he noted on the English stage, one towards the historico-religious drama, and the other towards dramatic ballets. "The Sign of the Cross," a very powerful piece, in which Mr. Wilson Barrett has been making a great success, is a good example of the former, while the ballet of "Faust" at the Empire illustrates the latter. Probably "The Sign of the Cross" may be seen in Melbourne before very long. It deals with the times of the Christian martyrs at Rome, and with the love story of a Roman soldier of the Empire for a Christian girl who is doomed to martyrdom. The ballet of "Faust" at the Empire had been running at that theatre for nearly 12 months, and was a most successful novelty. Accompanied by the music of Gounod's opera, played by a full orchestra, the ballet interpreted the well-known story in pantomime. It was staged, of course, to perfection, and one can guess how the stage carpenters of the Empire would rise to the occasion when it was necessary to depict the apotheosis of Marguerite. When Mr. Musgrove saw the production Li Hung Chang was also an interested spectator. He admired the theatre very much, and made a profound obeisance to the gorgeous footmen whom he encountered in the foyer, and whom he naturally mistook for the distinguished reception committee who were waiting to do him honour. There is a likelihood that the one-stringed fiddle and the joss-stick will be banished shortly from the flower boats at Canton, and that the ballet of "Faust," with Gounod's music, will be introduced with the other reforms contemplated by the Chinese viceroy. These ballets were all the rage in London, and comedy as well as tragedy formed the subject matter. "Blue Beard," in which our old friend Mr. Fred Storey kicked his long legs, while Miss Florence Levey posed and pirouetted, was almost as great a success as "Faust." We may have an opportunity of gauging the merits of this class of performance in Melbourne also at a future date.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

At the Port Melbourne Police Court on Monday Swithin Greenough and Rowland Carske were charged with stealing jewellery valued at £26. The charge against Carske was withdrawn, and after the stated value of the property had been reduced to £2, so that the Court could deal with the case summarily, Greenough pleaded guilty, and the Bench fined him £5, or in default two months' imprisonment, but suspended the sentence for 12 months on security being given in one amount of £10 for accused's good behaviour for 12 months.

Charles Anderson, 26 years of age, was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital suffering from a terrible wound to the knee, sustained by falling on the point of his axe while scrub-cutting at Korumburra. The surgeons may save his leg from amputation.

Denis O'Callaghan, labourer, 32 years of age, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Thompson and Neilson, charged with seduction. It is alleged that in December, 1894, the accused was improperly intimate with a ward of the state. He went to West Australia, and the warrant, which was issued for him, was not executed till yesterday. He will be brought before the City Court this morning.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES ASSOCIATION.

BROADFORD.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing six months in connection with the Broadford branch of the Australian Natives' Association:—President, Mr. R. Corney; vice-president, Mr. A. Dawborn; treasurer, Mr. J. A. Miller; secretary, Mr. J. G. Pemberton; assistant secretary, Mr. A. Bidstrup; committee, Messrs. C. Ewar, D. M'Rae, M. M'Pherson, J. M'Rae, and J. E. Fenton; auditors, Messrs. W. G. Hicks and T. Connellan; conference delegates, Messrs. J. G. Pemberton and A. Dawborn.

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THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER'S FORECAST.

Wednesday (6 p.m.).—Fine, but warm, with light to fresh northerly winds; moderate sea.

SYNOPSIS OF THE WEATHER.

Rainfall at Observatory previous 24 hours to 3 p.m. January 6, nil; since January 1, 0.01in.

Average rainfall at Observatory for the first month of the year, 1.75in.

Temperature in shade at Observatory previous 24 hours to 3 p.m. January 6—Highest, 72.7deg.; lowest, 51.9deg.

Rain has fallen in previous 24 hours to 9 a.m. 6th January, 1897.—Victoria—Extremely light and isolated in the S.E. Tasmania—Very light on parts of W. coast. Northern Territory—Light to heavy generally; Port Darwin, 2.77in. Queensland—Light to heavy, with thunderstorms in many parts of interior and the S.E. West Australia—Very light on far N. coast.

New South Wales Forecast (Noon).—E. to N.E. winds, with fine, warm weather.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia Forecast (3 p.m.).—Fine throughout, warmer; light variable winds, chiefly E. to N.—C. Todd.

MELBOURNE OBSERVATORY.

Lat., 37deg. 49min. 53sec. S. Long. 9h. 39min. 54sec. E.

TIME BALL.—Time of Drop.
At Williamstown.
Standard Time.
Jan. 6.—1h. 0min. 0.8sec.
Corresponding to Greenwich Mean Time.
Jan. 5.—15h. 0min. 0.8sec.
Post-office Clock.
Jan. 6.—1 p.m.: No error.

Date and Hour. (Local Time).	Barometer At Sea Level.	Attached Thermo.	Temp. of Air.
Jan. 5, 9 p.m.	30.318	62.8	56.3
Jan. 6, 9 a.m.	30.336	67.0	68.0
Jan. 6, 3 p.m.	30.234	69.0	72.2

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JANUARY 7, 1897.

Sun, rises 5.9 a.m., sets 7.44 p.m.; Moon, rises 9.1 a.m., sets 10.11 p.m.; Mercury, rises 6.41 a.m., sets 8.53 p.m.; Venus, rises 8.41 a.m., sets 10.7 p.m.; Mars, rises 5.13 p.m., sets 2.33 a.m.; Jupiter, rises 10.25 p.m., sets 9.35 a.m.; Saturn, rises 1.53 a.m., sets 3.52 p.m. Full moon, 19th; new moon, 3rd.

RIVER GAUGINGS.

JAN. 6.

9 a.m.	Above Summer Level. Ft.	Wind and Weather.
Albury	‡	E.N.E.; fine.
Balranald ..	‡	Calm; fine.
Barwon	*18½	—
Bairnsdale.	†1	E., light; fine, clear, cool.
Beechworth	..	Calm; fine, clear.
Benalla	..	Calm; fine, clear.
Bourke	7	S.E.; fine.
Brewarrina.	*5	Calm; fine, clear.
Deniliquin.	..	Calm; fine.
Echuca	†1½	S.W., light; fine, clear, cool.
Euston	7½	Calm; fine.
Gundagai ..	1½	Calm; fine.
Hay	1	S.E.; fine.
Hillston	‡5	S.E.; fine.
Horsham ...	..	S.E., light; fine, clear.
Louth	*2½	S.; fine, clear.
Mildura	3½	Calm; fine, clear.
Menindie ...	1½	E.S.E., light; fine, clear.
Mogil	†10½	Calm; fine, clear.
Moulamein.	..	S.; fine, clear.
Mungindi ..	†10½	N.E., strong; fine.
Namoi	*10½	—
Narandera ..	..	Calm; fine.
Pooncarie ..	2½	E.; fine.
Seymour ...	‡	Calm; fine, clear.
Shepparton.	§3	S.E., light; fine, clear.
Swan Hill ..	2½	S., moderate; fine, clear.
Tilpa	*2	S.; fine.
Urana	..	Calm; fine.
Wagga	¼	S.E.; fine.
Wahgunyah	1¼	Calm; fine, clear.
Walgett	..	N.E., light; fine.
Wentworth.	*4	E.N.E.; fine.
Wilcannia ..	‡2	S.E.; fine.

* Rising. † Falling. ‡ Stationary. § Below summer level.

THE WEATHER.

VICTORIA.

BOORT, Jan. 5.—Yesterday a strong gale was blowing from the north and north-west, accompanied with thick clouds of dust, which lasted all day and evening. Old residents state that it was the worst dust-storm they remember for years. No damage to property has yet been reported.

INVERLEIGH, Jan. 5.—On Monday there was a sharp thunderstorm, accompanied by 30in. rain, and followed by a violent storm of wind. The weather is now settled and cool.

CHILDERS, Jan. 5.—After a week of very hot and sultry weather, a very pleasant change was experienced yesterday at midday, when a thunderstorm occurred, accompanied by very boisterous winds and a heavy downpour of rain, which lasted for the greater part of the afternoon, and continued till late in the night.

CASTLEMAINE, Jan. 6.—The wind storm on Monday did considerable damage to the orchards at Harcourt, many of the trees being almost denuded of their fruit. Irrigation is being largely resorted to in that district, but unless rain falls soon this week will have to be stopped, as the Barker's Creek reservoir is almost empty.

NUMURKAH, Jan. 6.—A heavy wind storm on Monday did a large amount of damage to the district orchards. Some growers have lost several hundredweights of apples, pears, and plums which were almost ripe enough for market, and their monetary losses will be very heavy.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD, Jan. 5.—The weather, which was very sultry yesterday morning, changed about midday. During the afternoon a considerable quantity of rain fell, accompanied by thunder and lightning. Several heavy showers occurred through the night and early this morning. It has now cleared, and the glass is rising rapidly.

QUEENSLAND.

BLACKALL, Jan. 6.—Storms, accompanied with patchy rain, are of daily occurrence in various parts of the district. In some places the fall has been very heavy, being estimated at 3in. All the pastoral properties in this district have benefited more or less. Yesterday very heavy black clouds gathered, and in the evening a storm burst, but only 28 points were registered in Blackall. The downfall was apparently very heavy in parts of Northampton Downs, Malvern Hills, and Alice Downs. At Tambo 2in. 8 points fell; at Muttaburra, 1in. 23 points; but at Aramac and Isisford only five points fell. The country is looking fair, but general rains are much wanted. There are no stock passings.

WINTON, Jan. 6.—The weather has broken. Rain commenced last night, and it is still raining. 65 points have already been registered. Ayrshire reports 43 points; Maxinlay, 29; Cloncurry, 40; Muttaburra, 133; Blackall, 28; Tambo, 208.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

WILCANNIA, Jan. 6.—The river at Walgett today was 18ft. 2in., and is rising; Collarendabri reports 12ft. 7in., and rising; Mogil, 10ft. 6in., falling; Bourke, 7ft., rising. The steamer Cato leaves Bourke for Wilcannia on Saturday, and the Excelsior follows a few days later. The Pilot and Florence Annie, which have been stuck for some time at Yanda rocks, are expected to arrive at Wilcannia early next week. The Mandoo, a steamer of light draught, leaves for South Australia on the arrival of the Pilot, taking the Pilot's wool.

The following private advices have been received:—

By Messrs. Edward Trenchard and Co., from Boorooma Station, Brewarrina, N. S. Wales, saying that 2in. of rain had fallen there on the 2nd and 3rd inst.

AGRICULTURAL INTELLIGENCE.

NUMURKAH, Jan. 6.—A large quantity of wheat is coming into the local market, and selling freely at 3/0½ per bushel. The present is the most lively grain season known here for many years past. There is very little doing in barley or oats.

YARRAM, Jan. 6.—The grasshopper pest has left nothing untouched, and orchardists are powerless in stopping the destruction of fruit. The milk supply has fallen off considerably at the local butter factory, owing to the spell of fine weather, grass being very scarce.

SASSAFRAS GULLY, Jan. 5.—Grasshoppers are very prevalent in the Basin district, and are causing a lot of damage to the crops, especially the young beans. A splendid sample of the brown Spanish onion, grown by Mr. Sherwood of this district, was shown on the Bayswater station on Sunday evening, proving that the settlement is capable of growing almost anything.

TOOLAMBA, Jan. 5.—The harvest has exceeded the expectations of most people here. The best results are from land on Dhurringile, cropped by Mr. O'Neil. Of 110 acres he cut over 50 for hay, and the remainder (oats, barley, and wheat) produced at the rate of 14½ bags, 8 bags, and 7 bags respectively. It is, however, taken up on the share system. There are other returns of four and five bags of wheat to the acre, and 12 of oats. The lowest is a large paddock, only about one bag to the acre. Some land cropped by Mr. M'Crum with oats has straw 5ft. or 6ft. long, having been well irrigated. The heads, however, are not as good as they might have been. The grass is fearfully dried up, but the cattle and horses are still in good condition. The apricot crop was a large one, but the holiday time interfered with the sales, and the extreme hot weather coming just before that time caused the usual glut in the Melbourne market. It is extremely doubtful whether the gross returns will be ½d. per lb. The want of a cannery was much felt, as large quantities went to waste during the holiday time. Peaches met with a much better sale, probably because of the drought and the noxious insects, which have been exceedingly numerous and destructive this year.

THE SKIN has a natural fat of its own, and it is this alone which will keep it supple and smooth. Toilet "Lanoline" is the natural fat of the skin. Toilet "Lanoline" and "Lanoline" are sold everywhere.—[Advt.]

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MINING INTELLIGENCE AND STOCK AND SHARE MARKET.

"The Argus" Office, Wednesday Evening.

The indications of a good market on the Stock Exchange noted yesterday were further emphasised to-day, buying orders being of good extent, and a good volume of business being transacted, mostly at improved prices.

The principal feature in investment stocks was a good advance in price of Commercial Bank preference shares, which changed hands at 67/. Other principal sales were: —Victorian Government 4 per cent., at £116 2/6 to £116/5/; Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent., at £109 10/; Commercial Bank d.d.r. (due 1896 to 1906), at 17/; London, at 17/; Bank of Victoria preference shares, at £9/4/; S.A. Brewery, at 13/; Union Trustees, at 11/6; Silverton Tramway, at 93/; B.H. Water Supply, at 12/3; Mutual Store, at 36/6; and Sydney Hydraulic, at 19/ to 19/6.

There was an active business in Broken Hill silver companies, nearly all closing at improved prices. The principal sales were: —Block 10, at 73/; B.H. Proprietary, at 48/6 to 49/6; South Broken, at 13/3; and do. (con.), at 11/6; Junction North, at 29/; North Broken, at 8/6 to 7/9 to 8/5, a large number of shares changing hands; the cause of the fall and subsequent recovery is indicated in note below.

An active market was also experienced for Tasmanian companies, and higher prices ruled in the business done. The sales were: —Mt. Lyell, at £8/14/ to £8/16/; South Mt. Lyell, at 15/6 to 15/9; Comet, at 6/9 to 7/4; Curtin-Davis, at 10/3; North Mt. Lyell, at 24/3 to 25/; and Tasman Lyell, at 7/.

West Australian gold companies were dealt in to good extent, at full late rates generally, and at good further advances for Queen Margaret, but lower prices ruled generally towards close. The principal sales were:—Bank of England, at 57/ to 60/; Brown Hill Junction, at 10/3 to 11/3; Charles Dickens, at 10/; Fortune of War, at 3/10; Ivanhoe, at £13 to £12/15/; Lady Bountiful (paid), at 15/; Princess Margaret, at 15/; Queen Margaret, at 53/ to 54/3 to 52/6; do. South, at 14/6; do. No. 1, 5/2 to 6/ to 7/ to 6/1 Associated, at 56/6 to 58/6; and Gt. Boulder, at £8.

Only a moderate business in Victorian gold companies, the principal changes in those dealt in being higher prices for Berry Consols Extended, Great South Long Tunnel, and Spring Hill Central. Advanced prices ruled also for Rutherglen companies (especially for North Prentice), but holders too firm to permit of much business. The sales reported were:—Band and Albion Consols, at 12/9 to 13/; Berry Consols Extended, at 60/6 to 61/6; Black Horse, at 17/6 to 17/9; Berry West, at 78/; Spring Hill Central, at 18/6 to 19/7½; Chalk's No. 1, at 14/6; Gt. Northern Consols, at 11/; Gt. Southern No. 1, at 47/; M'Evoy, at 6/ to 6/3; Shenandoah, at 9/; Gt. South Long Tunnel, at 14/1½; Landy's Dream, at 2/6 to 2/4; N. Long Tunnel, at 30/; and New Loch Fyne, at 77/.

Through a misunderstanding, the drive being put in by the North Broken Hill Company through the Junction North Company's ground at the 570ft. level was temporarily stopped. A wire has been sent since to Captain Phillips that, according to arrangements between the two companies, the drive must be pushed on to the boundary.

The following are the buying and selling quotations, and prices of sales effected:—

Debentures.—Vict. 4's (1923), b £116, s £116 2/6, sales £116 2/6 to £116 5/; do. (stock), b £102. Vict. Treasury Bonds (due 1898), b £102. Metrop. Bd. Wks. 5's (1897), b £100 12/6; do. (1903), b £111, sales £111 5/; do. 4½'s (1906), b £110/5/, s £110/10/; do. 4's (1915), b £109 10/, sales £109 /10/. Met. Gas, s £109.

Banks of Issue.—Colonial (pref., £9 15/ paid), b 36/, sales 38/. Commercial (pref., £10 paid), b 66/, s 75/, sales 67/. London (pref.), s £9. National (pref., £10 paid), s £10. Royal, b 9/, s 10/6. Union, s £27. Victoria, s 25/; do. (pref., £10 paid), b £9/3/, s £9/10/, sales £9/4/.

Deposit Receipts.—Assets Trust, s 14/3. Commercial, b 15/, s 15/6; do. (due 1896 to 1906), b 16/9, sales 17/. English Scottish (deferred inscribed stock), b 12/; do. (combined inscribed stock), b 12/; do. (debentures), b 17/3, s 18/; do. (terminable do.), b 18/3, s 19/. London, b 16/, s 16/6, sales 16/. Metropolitan, s 7/3. National, b 19/10, s 20/. Victoria, b 19/9, s 20/. Freehold Assets, b 3/, s 4/6. St. James, b 14/. Vict. Perm., b 4/9.

Banking and Financial.—Dalgety and Co., s £5.

Gas.—Metropolitan, b £7/6/, s £7/10/. Williamstown (new), s 14/6.

Insurance.—Aust. Alliance, b 60/. Southern, s 11/3. Victoria, b 37/.

Breweries, &c.—Castlemaine, N'castle, b 18/, s 18/3. Perkins's, Q., b 20/, s 20/9, sales 20/ (small lot). S. Aust. Brewing, b 13/, sales 13/. Swan, W.A., s 45/.

Trustees and Executors Companies.—Equity, b 7/3, s 7/9. National, b 14/, s 15/. Perpetual Executors, b 3/. Trustees, Executors, and Agency, b 15/, s 16/6. Union Trustees, b 11/, sales 11/6.

Miscellaneous.—Broken Hill Water, b 12/, sales 12/3. Deniliquin Moama Railway, b 75/, s 87/. Hydraulic, s 18/. Kitchen and Sons, b 16/. Mutual Store, b 36/, s 37/, sales 36/6. Northcote Brick, b 6/9, s 7/3. Silverton Tram., b 92/, s 93/6, sales 93/. Sydney Hydraulic, b 19/6, s 20/, sales 19/ to 19/6. Tarrawingee Flux, s 9/6. Tramway, M., b 11/, s 11/3, sales 10/9 (small lot). T. K. Bennet, b 4/. West Aust. Water, b 2/3.

Coal Mines.—Coal Ck., b 1/7, s 2/6. Jumbunna (pref.), s 1/2. Outtrim and Howitt, s 9/. Newcastle, b £8/10/.

Gold Mines.—All Nations, s 2/5. Assoc. Mines, b 57/, s 58/6, sales 56/6 to 58/6. Bank of England, b 60/, s 62/, sales 57/ to 60/. Band Albion, b 12/6, s 13/, sales 12/9 to 13/. Berry Cons., s 32/. Berry 1, s 10/. Berry Extd., b 60/6, s 61/, sales 60/6 to 61/. Berry W., b 78/, s 80/, sales 78/. Blk. Horse Utd., b 17/6, s 18/, sales 17/6 to 17/9. Block 45, b 53/, s 35/. Boulder Half-mile S., b 1/3, sales 1/4. B.H. Quartz, b 5/3, s 7/. Bon Accord, b 6/. Brown Hill Junct., b 10/9, s 11/6, sales 10/3 to 11/3. Buffalo Hydraulic, b 2/. Cent. Plateau, b 77/, s 84/. Chalk's 1, b 14/6, s 15/3, sales 14/6. Cardigan Prop., s 5/. Charles Dickins, b 10/3, s 10/9, sales 10/. Curryong View, s 1/6; do. (paid), s 1/9. Cobar, b 2/, s 3/6. Day Dawn, b 3/8, s 5/. Egerton, b 4/6, s 6/. Fortune of War, b 3/10, s 4/3, sales 3/10. Fenby's Reward, b 1/, s 1/3; do. (paid), b 1/4, s 1/6, sales 1/6 to 1/5. Gay's Star, b 3/2, sales 3/5. Glenfine Estate, b 2/8, s 2/11. Gt. Eldorado, b 2/. Great S. Long Tunnel, b 14/, s 14/3, sales 14/1½. Great Boulder, sales £8 to £8/7/6. Great Northern Extd., s 40/. Gt. Northern Extd. Consols, b 11/4, s 11/9, sales 11/; do. (paid), b 15/. Gt. Southern, b 43/, s 48/. Gt. Southern 1, b 42/, s 46/; do. (paid), b 47/, s 48/, sales 47/. Gt. Southern Chiltern Valley, b 8/, s 9/; do. (paid), b 16/, s 17/. Gt. Southern Cons., b 5/, s 5/6, sales 5/. Gold Arrow, b 11/. General Gordon, b 11/, s 15/. Hepburn Est., b 14/6. Ivanhoe, b £12/12/, s £12/15, sales £13 to £12/15. Johnson's, b 21/, s 25/. Koch's Pioneer, b 24/6, s 27/. Lady Bountiful, b 10/; do. (paid), b 12/6, sales 15/. Landy's Dream, b 2/3, s 2/6, sales 2/6 to 2/4; do. (paid), b 4/. Landy's Dream N., b 3d., s 1/6. Long Tunnel, b £106. Long Tunnel Extd., b £26. Long Tunnel N., b 30/, s 32/, sales 30/. Menzies Lady Sherry, b 2/. M'Evoy, b 6/2, s 6/3, sales 6/ to 6/3. M'Caul's Reward, b 11/. M'Leay's Welcome, b 1/3, s 2/; do. (paid), b 2/1, s 2/6. New Argus, b 8/3, s 9/. New P. of Wales, b 14/. New Loch Fyne, b 74/, s 77/, sales 77/. New Chum Rlwy., b 22/, s 23/6. New Koh-i-noor, b 4/. New Moon, b 1/. New Year, s 6d. Northern Star, s 10/. N. Prentice, b 32/6, s 34/. N. Boulder, sales 24/9 to 28/. Ophir (paid), b 1/6, s 2/. Pride and Stringer, b 2/3, s 3/. Prentice Frhld., b 5/. Princess Margaret, b 14/6, s 16/, sales 15/. Queen Margaret, b 52/, s 53/, sales 53/ to 54/3 to 52/6. Queen Margaret No. 1 South, b 6/, s 6/3, sales 6/ to 7/ to 6/1. Queen Margaret South, sales 14/6. Salt Junk, s 6d. Shenandoah, b 8/9, s 9/, sales 9/. Sir H. Loch, s 13/6. Sloane Scotchman's, b 9/3, s 10/. Slug Hill Prop., b 3/8, s 4/2. Sebastopol Plat. No. 1, b 20/6, s 21/. S. Star, Ballarat, b 48/6, s 50/. S. Star Extended, b 2/9. Southern and Prentice, s 1/3. Sir John Franklin, b 1/9. Star East, s 40/. Specimen Hill, b 7/3, s 7/9. Spring Hill Cent., b 19/3, s 20/, sales 18/6 to 19/7½. Tindal's, b 5/6, s 6/, sales 5/6. Uncle Tom, b 5d., s 9d. United Brothers, s 20/. Unicorn, b 2/5. Victor's Qtz., b 3/. Wahgunyah, b 1/3, s 1/5. W. Sunlight, s 3/6. Yorkshire, s 8d., sales 6d.

Silver Mines.—Broken H. Block 10, b 72/, s 73/, sales 73/. Broken H. Block 14, b 28/, s 29/. British Broken, s 16/; do. (new), s 11/6. Broken H. Prop., b 49/6, s 50/, sales 48/6 to 49/6. Broken H.S. (paid), sales 13/3; do. (contributing), b 10/, s 11/6, sales 11/6. Broken H. Junct., b 56/, s 60/. Broken H. Junct. N., b 28/6, s 31/, sales 29/. N. Broken, b 8/3, s 8/6, sales 8/6 to 7/9 to 8/5. Tasmania.—Comet, b 6/10, s 7/3, sales 6/9 to 7/4. Curtin-Davis, b 10/3, s 10/5, sales 10/3. Crown Lyell (paid), b 6d., s 9d. Hercules, b 14/, s 15/. King Lyell, b 1/6, s 2/3; do. (paid), b 2/6. Mt. Lyell, b £8/15/, s £8/16/, sales £8/14/ to £8/16/. N. Mt. Lyell, sales 24/3 to 25/; do. (paid), b 21/9, s 25/, sales 24/9. Prince Lyell, b 3d.; do. (paid), b 9d. S. Mt. Lyell, sales 15/6 to 15/9. S.W. Curtin-Davis, b 2/7, s 2/10. Tasman Lyell, b 7/, s 7/6, sales 7/.

Tin Mines.—Brothers No. 1, s 9d.

The following lists of purchases and sales by MEMBERS of the STOCK EXCHANGE of MELBOURNE are reported by the firms under whose names they respectively appear:—

Messrs. CLARKE and Co., 300 Collins-street—"Commercial Bank of Australia (preference shares), 67s.; Berry Consols Extended Co., Creswick, 61s., 61s. 6d.; Gay Star Co., Sebastopol, 3s. 5d.; Spring Hill and Central Leads, Creswick, 19s.; Bank of England, Kalgoorlie, W.A., 60s.; Queen Margaret Co., Bulong, L.O.U., W.A., 53s., 53s. 6d., 54s. 3d.; Queen Margaret No. 1 South Co., Bulong, L.O.U., W.A., 6s. 6d., 7s.; Associated Gold Mines of West Australia, Kalgoorlie, 58s. 6d.; North Boulder Co., Kalgoorlie, W.A., 28s.; Charles Dickens Co., Kunanalling, W.A., 10s.; Yorkshire Quartz Co., Elaine, 6d.; Broken Hill South Silver Co. (paid-up), 13s. 3d.; North Broken Hill Silver Co., 8s., 7s. 10d., 8s. 5d.; Broken Hill South Silver, 11s. 6d.; Comet Silver Co., Dundas, Tasmania, 7s., 7s. 4d."

Messrs. GAVIN G. BROWN and Co., 100 Queen street (telephone No. 296)—"Colonial Bank of Australia Ltd. (preference), 38s.; Silverton Tramway Co. Ltd., 93s.; Band of Hope and Albion Consols Co., 12s. 9d.; Central Comet Gold, Bendigo, 5d.; Fortune of War Gold, West Australia, 3s. 10d.; M'Evoy Gold and Tin, 6s. 2d.; New Garden Reef Gold, Ballarat, 2s. 10d.; Queen Margaret Gold, West Australia, 54s., 53s.; South Mount Lyell, 15s. 9d."

Messrs. J. B. WERE and SON, Trustees'-buildings, 412 Collins-street—"Victorian Government 4 per cent. debentures (due 1923), £116 5s.; Queen Margaret Company, Bulong, 53s. 6d., 54s.; Ivanhoe Company, Kalgoorlie, £12 15s.; New Loch Fyne Company, Walhalla, 77s.; Queen Margaret South Company, Bulong, 14s. 6d.; Coolgardie Company, W.A. (on terms), 14s. 3d."

Messrs. ELLISON and EVERED, 371 Collins-street (telephone 1,240)—"Broken Hill Water Supply Co. Limited, 12s. 3d.; Queensland Trustees and Executors Co. Limited, 2s. 3d.; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Co. (odd lot), 10s. 9d.; Bank of Victoria Preference, £9 4s.; Ivanhoe Gold Mining Company, Kalgoorlie, £13; Queen Margaret Gold Mining Co., Bulong, 53s., 53s. 6d.; Imperial Boulder Gold Mining Co., Kalgoorlie, 7s.; Lake View South Gold Mining Company, Kalgoorlie, 26s.; North Mount Lyell Silver Mining Company, Gormanston, 24s. 9d., 25s.; Band and Albion Consols G.M. Co., Ballarat, 13s., 12s. 9d.; Berry Consols Extended G.M. Co., Creswick, 60s. 6d.; Yorkshire Gold Mining Company, Elaine, 6d."

Mr. JOHN GOODALL, Austral-chambers, 99 Queen-street (telephone No. 891)—"Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 5 per cent. debentures (due 1903), £111 5s.; do. 4 per cent. (due 1915), £109 10s.; Commercial Bank of Australia (preference shares), 67s.; Silverton Tramway Company, 93s.; South Australian Brewery Company, 13s.; Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company, 19s. 6d.; Queen Margaret Company, L.O.U., Bulong, W.A., 54s., 53s.; Berry Consols Extended Company, Smeaton, 60s. 6d.; General Gordon North Company (paid-up), Kanowna, W.A., 2s. 8d.; Fortune of War Company, Murchison, W.A., 3s. 10d.; Ivanhoe Company, Kalgoorlie, W.A., £12 18s., £12 15s.; Lady Bountiful Company (paid-up), Black Flag, W.A., 15s.; North Long Tunnel Company, Walhalla, 30s.; Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Tasmania, £8 15s. (small lot), £8 14s."

Messrs. DONALDSON and Co., 331 Collins-street (telephone 1,168)—"Madame Berry West G.M. Company, Ballarat, 78s.; Spring Hill and Central Leads G.M. Company, Ballarat, 19s. 6d.; Imperial Boulder G.M. Company, Kalgoorlie, 7s.; Shenandoah G.M. Company, Bendigo, 9s.; Comet Silver Mining Company, Mt. Dundas, 6s. 9d."

Mr. G. W. STAPLES, Prell's-buildings, 383 Collins-street (telephone 1,603)—"Bank of Victoria D.R., 19s. 9d.; South Mount Lyell, Tasmania, 15s. 6d. to 15s. 10½d.; North Broken Hill, 8s., 8s. 2d.; Curtin-Davis Proprietary, Tasmania, 10s. 3d., 10s. 6d.; Specimen Hill, Bendigo, 7s. 6d., 7s. 9d.; Daley and Weston, Ellesmere, 3s., 3s. 2d.; Berry Consols Extended, Smeaton, 60s. 6d.; Queen Margaret, Bulong, W.A., 54s., 55s.; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, W.A., 6s. to 6s. 9d. to 6s. 3d.; Princess Margaret, W.A. (odd lot), 13s. 6d.; Great Southern Consols, Rutherglen, 5s.; Virginia Tribute, Bendigo, 1s. 11d., 2s.; New Argus, Bendigo, 8s. 6d.; Great South Tunnel, Walhalla, 14s. to 14s. 3d."

BALLARAT.

A fair average number of stocks had exchange, but the volume of business was light. Band and Albion had further decline to 12/3, and Northern Star were offered by sellers at 7/3, with the best declared buyer at 2/3 less than that figure. New Koh-i-noor steady. South Star did not maintain late full rates, and South Star Extended were easier. Sellers of Central Plateau offered at 83/ without bringing out buyers, and Plateau No. 1 eased to 20/3. Black Horse eased to 17/9, but other sellers were wide of that price. Berry Extended and Spring Hill Central commanded better prices, but receded a shade towards the close. Chalk's No. 1 had a few sales at quotations. Several Western Australian stocks were also dealt in. Quotations:—

Band and Albion Cons., b 12/3, s 12/9, sales 13/1½, 12/3. Berry Cons. Extd., b 60/, s 61/, sales 61/6, 60/6. Berry No. 1, s 8/6. Black Horse Utd., b 17/6, s 18/6, sales 18/, 17/9. Britannia Utd., b 6/3, s 6/9, sales 6/4. British Queen, s 5d. Cardigan Prop., b 3/, s 3/9. Chalk's Frhld., b 2/8. Chalk's No. 1, b 14/3, s 14/9, sales 15/, 14/9, 14/3. Cent. Plateau, s 83/. E. Star Extd., s 6d. Egerton, b 4/6, s 6/. Glenfine Estate, s 2/7, sales 2/7. Hanover, s 6d., sales 5d. Hepburn Estate Leasehold, b 14/6. Kingston and Ullina, b 2/6. Last Chance Utd., s 14/. New Koh-i-noor, b 3/11, s 4/1, sales 4/2, 4/1. New Normanby, b 3/, s 3/6, sales 3/. New Year, b 5d., s 6d., sales 6d. New Garden Reef, b 2/8, s 3/, sales 2/8, 2/9. N. Carr, s 10d. N. Prentice, b 30/6. N. Woah Hawp, b 2/, s 2/9. N. Star, b 5/, s 7/3. Pitfield Plateau, s 3/. Prince Regent, b 3/, s 4/. Prince Regent N., b 2/. Rokewood Cent., s 1/. Rothschild, b 1/7½, s 1/9, sales 1/7, 1/8. Salt Junk, s 4½d. Sebastopol Plateau No. 1, b 20/, s 21/, sales 21/6, 20/3. Sir Henry Loch Utd., b 11/, s 13/. Sloane's and Scotchman's, b 9/. S. Star, b 48/6, s 50/. S. Star Extd., b 2/6, s 2/8, sales 2/10, 2/9½, 2/7. Spring Hill and Cent. Lead, b 18/9, s 19/, sales 19/6, 19/3. Star of the East, s 40/. Sulieman Pasha, s 9d. Trompf's Amal., b 5/3. Union, b 3/, sales 3/3. Victoria Utd., s 1/9. West Berry Cons., b 1/3, s 1/7; do. (paid-up), b 5/, s 6/, sales 5/6. Yorkshire, s 9d. Gt. Boulder, sales £8/2/. Queen Margaret, sales 54/, 55/6. Imperial Boulder, sales 7/4. Golden Zone, sales 2/1.

Sixty men have been discharged from the Berry No. 1 mine, and it is intended to concentrate attention on the north drive, which will be pushed on in new country.

BENDIGO.

Business has not yet fairly commenced, though the market was busier than yesterday. New Prince of Wales opened at recent rates, and closed easier. The mine is looking very well at the railway end. Victoria Quartz were firm. The new stone in the 3,075ft. crosscut of the New Chum and Victoria has been bored into 3ft. or 4ft. further, and is not yet through. This is probably the reef that is at a depth of 3,110ft. in Mr. Lansell's No. 180, as that stone rose going south. Garibaldi were offered at 4/9. Shamrock are seeing nice gold in their north level, about 30ft. from the crosscut. They will wash off to-morrow, but none of this better stone has been crushed, and the return is expected to be poor. New Chum Railway were wanted at 22/6. Deibridge's had some exchange at 2/4 and 2/5. Good gold was showing to-day in the south level. Koch's Pioneer rose to 24/9, and will go still better, as work has been commenced from the Windmill Hill end, where, it will be remembered, good gold was seen at the boundary. Confidence Tribute opened at 2/, and eased off. Virginia Tribute quitted at 2/1 and 2/0½. Specimen Hill rose to 7/6. Nice gold is being seen both in the rise and in the spurs at the New Hopeful end. A parcel of Hustler's Reef changed hands at 4/. A small spur, 20in. thick, has been cut in the 1,330ft. crosscut, about 300ft. from the shaft. The stone, which carries gold, has made under the slide. Daley and Weston hardened. Quotations:—

Boulder Perseverance (W.A.), sales 81/. Cent. Comet, b 4d., s 5d., sales 4½d. Coll. and Tacchi, s 1/9. Confidence Trib., b 1/10, s 1/10½, sales 2/, 1/11. Deibridge's, b 2/4½, s 2/5½, sales 2/4, 2/5, 2/4½, 2/5. Daley and Weston, b 2/11, s 3/, sales 2/11, 3/. Ellesmere and Axedale, b 10d., s 4/, sales 11d. Garibaldi, s 4/9. Golden Age, b 2/6. Gt. Extd. Hercules, b 1/3½, s 4/4½, sales 1/4. Hustler's Reef, b 3/9, s 4/6, sales 4/. Hustler's Reef 1, b 3/3, s 4/. Koch's Pioneer, b 24/6, s 25/, sales 24/, 24/9. Londonderry, s 47/3. New Argus, b 8/3, s 9/. New Chum Rail., b 22/6, s 23/3. New P. of Wales, b 13/6, s 14/. New St. Mungo, s 2/3. N. Johnson's, b 7/6. N. Prince of Wales, s 1/3. Princess Dagmar, b 8/6, s 9/6. Railway P. of Wales, s 2/3. Specimen Hill, b 7/4½, s 7/6, sales 7/4½, 7/5½, 7/6. Suffolk Utd. Trib., b 1/, s 2/. Slate Reef, b 6d., s 7d. True Blue, b 1/. Unicorn, b 2/1½, s 2/2. Virg. and Spec. Hill Tribute, b 2/, s 2/1, sales 2/1, 2/0½. Victoria Quartz, b 29/6, s 30/6, sales 29/6.

LATER.—New Chum and Victoria have cut a small eastern leg in the 2,075ft. crosscut, about 163ft. in. The stone is 6in. thick on the back and 3in. at the bottom of the crosscut. This leg corresponds with the small western leg cut 124ft. in, so that it is apparent that there is a cap above the level.

MARYBOROUGH, Wednesday.—Having accepted a tender for sinking a shaft to a depth of 250ft., the Talisman Company, Britannia Reef, will push ahead with operations. On Tuesday the site of the shaft, which is to be 10ft. 8in. by 4ft., was marked out. The company do not expect to open out until they have attained a depth of 250ft., and a tender for the extra 100ft. of sinking will duly be accepted. In the earlier days thousands of tons of stone were crushed from this reef, with payable returns. The sand has since been cradled by Chinese, and is now giving a profit to a party working it by the cyanide treatment. No doubt the company will have a prosperous future. The Exchange has not yet recovered from the break caused by the holidays, and business to-day was light. There was inquiry for Chalk's and Trompf's stocks, but holders were not over ready to quit. The following are the latest Exchange quotations:—Chalk's Freehold, b 2/8. Chalk's No. 1, b 13/9. Duke N., s 3/. Donolly Alluvial, s 2/6. New Leviathan, s 2/. Robert Nichol, s 1/6. Trompf's Amal., b 5/; do. (paid), b 5/6. Trompf's N., b 6d., s 2/.

WALHALLA, Wednesday.—The Long Tunnel Company cleaned up for the month to-day. The yield is 1,816oz. from 1,750 tons. A meeting of directors was held to-night, and a dividend of £1 per share declared, after carrying £120 to the reserve fund.

INTERCOLONIAL STOCK EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.—Only small business was recorded in silver stocks to-day, and prices generally were easier. There was a very brisk demand for West Australian lines, and exchanges were considerable, but prices in the larger lines were not up to Tuesday's standard. Quotations:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 50/, b 49/9, s 50/6; British (old), 15/, b 14/6, s 15/; British (new), 12/, b 11/, s 12/; Junction North, 30/3, 29/7½, b 29/6, s 30/; North, 8/6, 8/3, b 8/, s 8/3; Yubas, 1/10½, 2/, b 1/11½, s 2/; Associated, 57/6, 56/6, 57/, 56/3, b 56/, s 56/6; Blair Athol (con.), 8d.; Black Prince, 7d.; Block 45, 31/, 34/, 32/6, b 32/, s 32/6; Boulder Central (con.), 8/6, 9/2, 9/, b 9/, s 9/3; Boulder Central Extd., 1/8, 1/7½, 1/9, b 1/8, s 1/9; Boulder Consols No. 1, 4/, 4/1, b 3/11, s 4/1; Boulder Half-mile South, 1/5, 1/6, 1/4, 1/4½, b 1/4½, s 1/5½; Boulder Independent, 1/1, 1/; Boulder Nor'-West, 1/9, b 1/9, s 1/11; Boulder N. Extd., 3/10, b 3/9, s 4/; Brown Hill Junct., 11/9, 11/6, b 11/6, s 11/9; Brown Hill No. 1 S., 1/1, 1/3, 1/2½, b 1/2, s 1/3; Brown Hill Cent., 2/6, 2/1, 3/, b 2/, s 2/1; Brophy, 1/, b 1/, s 1/2; Coolgardie Mint, 25/6, 24/6, 25/; Croesus, Prop., 4/, b 3/8, s 4/1; Croesus Extd., 1/5, 1/4½, b 1/4½, s 1/5; General Gordon (paid), 18/6, b 18/, s 18/6, and con. 12/3, 11/6, 12/, 11/3, s 11/9; Golden Ridge, 9d., 9½d., and 7½d.; Golden Key, 9½d., 10d.; Golden Queen, 6½d., 7d.; Gt. Boulder, £8/5/, £7/18/, b £7/18/, s £7/19/; 45/. Boulder Junct. No. 1, 25/, 24/, b 23/9, s 24/6; Boulder Perseverance, 81/, 83/; Hannan's Cent. Extd., 3/6, 3/7; Imperial Boulder, 8/7½, 7/4, 7/1, b 7/, s 7/1; Island Lake Austin Consols, 2½d.; Island Lake Austin North, 6d., 7½d.; and South, 6d.; Ivanhoe South Extended, 5/9, 6/3, b 6/, s 6/3; Ivanhoe Junct., 1/10½, 2/, b 1/11, s 2/; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 59/6, 62/6, b 62/3, s 62/6; Kalgoorlie, 26/6, 26/, b 26/3; Lady Bountiful (paid), 15/, 15/6, b 15/9; Lake View S. (paid), 35/6, 35/3, 34/3, 34/6, b 34/3, s 34/6; Maggie Moore, 6½d., 6d., 7d.; M'Pherson's Reward, 3/, b 3/, s 3/3; Menzies Tornado (con.), 10d.; N. Boulder, 29/, 27/, b 27/; Queen Margaret, 55/, 55/9, 53/6, 54/, b 54/, s 55/; Queen Margaret Gem, 9½d., 1/6; Queen Margaret S., 14/6, 12/4½, b 12/3, s 12/6; Queen Margaret No. 1 S., 7/, 6/3, 6/9, 6/3, b 6/4, s 6/5; Queensland Menzies (paid), 29/6, 29/3, b 28/9, s 29/6; Railway (paid), 8/9, b 8/9; do. (con.), 7/9, 8/, b 8/, s 8/3; Royal Mint S. (paid), 1/6, b 1/5, s 1/7; do. (con.), 1/; Slug Hill, 4/1, 4/, s 4/; Slug Hill N. Extd., 7d., 8d.; Slug Hill Junct., 4d.; S. Kalgoorlie, 25/3, 25/6; Thames, 5d.; Victory United, 5/, 4/6, b 4/5, s 4/8; Wallaroo Menzies, £3, b £3/2/; Warrior Menzies, 1/1; Yerilla, 2/5½, 2/6½, b 2/6½, s 2/7½; Brookman's Exploration, 16/.

PERTH, Wednesday.—To-day's Exchange sales were:—Brophy's Kurnalpi Cons., 1/1; General Gordon, 12/; Menzies Kensington (con.), 3/4; Richmond (pro.), 1/; Slug Hill Cons. (pro.), 10d.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.—To-day's sales were:—City Bank of Sydney, 83/; Marshall's Brewery, 4/; Tooth's, 22/; Silverton Tramway, 94/6; Broken Hill North, 8/6, 8/; Broken Hill Proprietary, 49/6, 50/6; Lady Mary and New Zealand, 4d.; Imperial Boulder, 6/9; Queen Margaret, 51/9, 53/6, 52/6, 53/9; Princess Margaret, 14/, 15/2, 15/7½, 15/9; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 5/8, 6/9½, 6/8, 6/10; Brown Hill Junction, 11/6, 11/3, 11/5½, 11/5; Queen Margaret South, 14/, 14/1½, 14/3; Moon's, 2/3; Kalgoorlie Proprietary, 5/7; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 6/8, 6/10; Princess Margaret, 15/7½, 15/9.

HOBART, Wednesday.—To-day's Exchange quotations are:—Hercules, b 13/; Barlen Hercules, b 1/9, s 2/3; South Hercules, b 2/9, s 3/3; Mt. Lyell, b £8/10/, s £8/12/; South-west Curtin-Davis, b 2/3, s 2/6; Oonah, b 6/1, s 6/6; Queen, b 18/9, s 19/.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, payable on the dates mentioned in each instance:—

Broken Hill South, Jan. 22, 6d.
Broken Hill Junction, Jan. 28, 1/.
Broken Hill Junction North, Jan. 13, 6d.
Broken Hill Prop. Block 10, Jan. 20, 1/.
Eleanora Gold and Antimony, Jan. 20, 6d.
Long Tunnel, Jan. 11, £1.
Long Tunnel Extended, Jan. 7, 12/.
New Mariner No. 1 (final), 5½d.
South German Reef, Jan. 11, 2/6.
United Brothers, Jan. 27, 6d.

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MINING NOTES.

The managers report:—

Block 10, Broken Hill, 30th.—Campbell's Shaft.—515ft. Level—No change in stopes, which yield milling ore usual grade. Assays for week are 22.5oz. silver, 17.5 per cent. lead, and 30 per cent. zinc. Kelly's Shaft.—615ft. Level—Stopes yielding ore assaying 15oz. silver, 27 per cent. lead, and 27.5 per cent. zinc. 515ft. Level—Stopes yielding milling ore of usual grade. Assays for week are 16oz. silver, 18 per cent. lead, and 29.5 per cent. zinc. Nothing done in the shallower levels during week. Concentration.—Plant only worked 88 hours, treating 1,192 tons crude ore, producing 279 tons concentrates of usual grade. Ore despatched for week 346 tons 16cwt. 2qr. gross. Estimated concentrates on hand 1,215 tons.

Cambrian Prop., Redbank, 4th.—Main Shaft—Contractors sunk total depth 139ft. Cut through nice make of stone, widening going down, showing good gold. Further particulars following. Slate country. Water increasing. Expect cut main reef another 20ft.

Curtin-Davis Prop., Dundas, 19th.—100ft. Level—Driven 5ft., total 131ft. Lode 3ft. wide, of oxidised ore, and standing nearly vertical in the end of the level. 320ft. Level—Driven 5ft., total 312ft. 6in. of siderite and quartz, carrying iron pyrites, is against the hanging-wall, which is very smooth, and letting out a lot of water. Winze sunk 1ft., and timbered, total 80ft. Lode shows from 4in. to 6in. wide of siderite, yellow copper, and fahl ore against the hanging-wall. 560ft. Level—Driven 8ft., total 330ft. Copper pyrites showing in the face of the level for the full width, the footwall being smooth and well defined. Rise put up 4ft., total 30ft., above back of level. Lode carries 1ft. wide of good ore against the hanging-wall (principally yellow copper). Winze.—Have air pipes and fan complete, and sunk 2ft., total 70ft. Lode 18in. wide against the hanging-wall, mostly siderite, yellow copper, and fahl ore. We have now good ventilation in this winze. 680ft. Level—W. xcut driven 5ft., total 10ft. Country blue slate with veins of ore up to 3in. thick crossing the drive, and showing good yellow copper and fahl ore. The xcut appears to be going through lode formation for the full distance driven. 840ft. Level—Have not driven level this week, having started a rise 154ft. in tunnel, and risen 5ft. on vein of ore against hanging-wall. Ore seems to be pitching N. very much, and is in broken country. 1,000ft. Level—Driven 5ft., total 127ft. Lode formation 2ft. wide of breccia and iron pyrites. 1,450ft. Level—Have two men breaking out lode in bottom of trench. Am now preparing to start tunnel on course of lode; face of cutting 8ft. deep. The bottom of trench shows 16in. of solid iron pyrites.

Good Hope Prop. Syndicate, Buchan, 23rd.—Dismantling the shaft and removing old poppet-legs to make room for new set to meet requirements of new machinery. Stays for new poppet-legs now being split.

Gt. S. Long Tunnel, Walhalla, 6th (By Telegraph).—Yield for month, 510oz. from 1,140 tons, exclusive of pyrites and blanket sand.

Lady Barkly, Bendigo, 4th.—During holidays necessary repairs effected. Crushing will be resumed next week.

M'Caul's Reward Prop., Wood's Point, 2nd.—S. drive 147ft. from xcut. Reef, for week, has averaged 15in., showing very good gold; at present pinched. 3½ tons of quartz gone to hopper; total quartz, 354½ tons. All timber cut for flume trestles.

Victoria Gold-mining Association, Charters Towers 6th (By Telegraph).—Crushed 185 tons for yield of 489oz.

MINING MEETINGS.

Central Curtin-Davis Extended.—A meeting of the shareholders of the Central Curtin-Davis Extended Silver-mining Company was held yesterday, at the Temple-court Hotel, Mr. P. B. M'Master being in the chair. The mining manager's report and the report of Mr. D. J. O'Keeffe on the company's property were read. The report and balance-sheet of the company were adopted. The retiring directors were unanimously re-elected.

Three Star G.M. Co.—A meeting of the shareholders of the Three Star G.M. Company No Liability, Glen Wills, was held yesterday, at the offices of the company, in Queen-street, Mr. A. T. Brown being in the chair. It was decided to wind up the company voluntarily.

CLAIM FOR WAGES.

At the District Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. C. H. Nicolson, P.M., and Mr. H. Edwards, J.P., Emil Hansen, seaman, summoned Captain A. H. Thorpe, of the s.s. Elingamite, for £2 19s. 4d. wages due to him for work and labour done between November 5 and November 14, at the rate of £6 per month. The exact amount coming to complainant was £5 9s. 4d., and of this £2 10s. had been paid. As a set-off against the balance defendant pleaded that Hansen had deserted his ship on November 14. It was proved, however, that Hansen had been discharged from the vessel on November 14, but had signed on again the same day, and had worked until 2 p.m. The chief officer had given him permission to go on shore for two hours, but owing to a misleading clock he did not reach the Elingamite before she had sailed. He had no intention of deserting. The man's statement as to his having the chief officer's permission to go ashore was found to be correct, and the set-off against his claim was withdrawn. An order was then made for the amount due to complainant, with £1 10s. costs.

HOUSEBREAKING AT NORTH COTE.

On Tuesday afternoon the residence of Mr. H. Batten, of Barry-street, Northcote, was broken into, and a quantity of wearing apparel stolen. The house was completely ransacked, bedsteads being divested of all clothes, and cupboards and chests of drawers burst open. Singular to say, anything in the way of jewellery or plate-ware, although handled by the thieves, was left behind. The next-door neighbour observed a young woman at the back of the premises during the afternoon, but as she kept up a conversation with some person inside the house her suspicions were in no way aroused. Subsequently the same person disappeared, and almost simultaneously a man was also observed passing out in another direction, carrying a huge bundle. The local police and detectives were communicated with, and are now busy making investigations.

THE CRICKET MATCH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—We have heard a lot of unconsidered talk the last few days about the action of the Victorian eleven in the South Australian match. Many have said it was was not cricket, others that it was not sportsmanlike, while others, again, conceding that Trott was well within his rights, thought he should not have acted upon them. All this seems to me to be idle. A sport such as cricket must be played according to fixed rules, and the more strictly those rules are enforced the better will be the play. Once you relax, little by little you sap the virility of the game. As soon as it became recognised that the enforcement of a rule depended upon the whim or the state of the liver of the captain of one side or the other, good-by to cricket as a sport for men. Schoolboys have mystic formulæ in some of their games, and they avoid penalties if they can utter them before the penalty is claimed. If the enforcement or non-enforcement of rules at cricket is to be at the caprice of the captain it would rapidly degenerate into a game for boys only. Some people go so far as to say that the New South Welshmen were wrong in appealing against M'Leod the other day for handling the ball when he knocked it out of the flap of his pad. Others say that it is improper for a fieldsman deliberately to let a batsman make a run so as to get the other batsman opposite the bowler. Such people one cannot argue with. They cannot give a reason. They can only say "it's not cricket," or "I don't like it," or "they ought to play the game," and there you have to leave them. "The rigour of the game," said Mrs. Battle, and only those who know the difference between parlour whist and the game as played in a club can fully appreciate the force of her remark. Cricket, if not played strictly according to rule, would become a parlour game. To give an analogy from another game I never heard it objected that a player was guilty of an unsportsmanlike act at billiards if he run a coup so as to leave his opponent with only two balls on the table.

But whilst an enormous amount of energy has been expended and drink consumed on the discussion of this matter as an ethical one, the clear and obvious objection to the course pursued has not even been referred to. The action of the Cambridge eleven in the last match against Oxford has been cited. There, in order to prevent Oxford following on, the Cambridge bowlers sent down a number of "wides." It will at once be said what is the difference? There is a very marked difference. As to wides the laws of cricket provide that if, in the opinion of the umpire, the ball is out of reach of the batsman, he shall call "wide," and the "in" side shall score one. There is no prohibition against bowling wide balls, except it may be inferred from their carrying a penalty. In the case of "no balls" it is very different. The ball shall be bowled not thrown, and shall be delivered with one foot behind the crease. A bowler who deliberately bowls with his foot on the line or over the crease is wilfully breaking the law, and therefore is not playing cricket. It is conceded that Trumble intentionally bowled "no balls." In doing so I have no doubt he thought he was entitled to do so, but he was, none the less, wrong. I go again to whist for an illustration. The laws of whist provide that you must follow suit, if you have a card of the suit led. If having such a card you play a card of another suit you "revoke," and incur by so doing certain penalties if your opponents discover it. Although this be so, no player is allowed to revoke intentionally. Apropos of revokes the American will be remembered, who, on being asked by his partner how he came to revoke, replied that it seemed to him the only way to save the game. The analogy seems to me to be perfect.—Yours, &c.,

L.G.

Jan. 5.

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THE UNITED STATES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.

REPUBLICAN TREACHERY.

The leaders of the victorious Republican party seem unwilling to learn anything from the history of the recent national campaign. It is admitted that M'Kinley was saved only by the votes of the gold-standard Democrats. Even with their votes added, the plurality for the Republican nominee was only 825,000 in a total popular vote of about 13,500,000, Bryan and the silver cause polling 46 per cent. of the ballots cast. It is notorious that after the first days of the campaign there was really but one issue, the currency question, and that the tariff was virtually ignored; but now prominent Republican journals and politicians are saying that M'Kinley was supported by Republicans everywhere, because they desired a new tariff like the one to which his name was attached in 1890. The gold-standard Democrats, they say, voted for him with their eyes open, and should not complain now, if he and his party proceed to exemplify their principles in new tariff legislation. In the days immediately following the election they indulged in virtuous talk about the propriety of consulting with the gold-standard Democrats and agreeing upon a legislative programme that would be mutually satisfactory. Much was said about making a "just and moderate" revision of the tariff. But scarcely any reference to these Democrats is made now in the Republican camp, and it is admitted by the prominent advocates of "justice and moderation" that they have in mind, as a legislative project to which these terms may be applied, a revision of the tariff which would make the rates much higher than even those of the pending Dingley bill, which adds 15 per cent. to the duties of the existing tariff!

WOOL AND THE DINGLEY TARIFF BILL.

The party's policy is a matter of some interest to the people of Australia, because it seems very probable now that a high duty will be imposed upon wool (which is on the free list under the present law) before August 1, 1897. The situation may be described briefly as follows:—Owing in part to the shameful extravagance of the last session of Congress in the matter of appropriation bills, and in part to the loss of the income tax (the Supreme Court having declared that the law was unconstitutional), the Government's expenses for some time past have exceeded its receipts at the rate of nearly 100,000,000dol. per annum. For several reasons, all of them important and some of them related to the silver controversy, the receipts should be increased without delay. At the last session the Republican House passed the Dingley Tariff Bill, which would restore about two-thirds of the old M'Kinley taxes on wool and add 15 per cent. to all the other duties, one or two excepted. The enactment of this bill would practically restore the rates of the M'Kinley tariff in a majority of the schedules, for the present tariff is really a high protective one (except in the case of wool and lumber), averaging more than 40 per cent. on goods actually imported, as against an annual average of about 49 per cent. for the M'Kinley law of 1890-94, and containing many duties which are prohibitory. The silver Republicans would not permit this bill to be considered in the Senate. An attempt to take it up may be made at the coming session, which will begin next week and end on March 3, with the expiration of the term of this Congress. It is a clumsy measure, highly objectionable for many reasons, and would not add more than 20,000,000dol. to the revenue. It is the purpose of the Republicans, I think, to drop it, and to make a general revision of the tariff at a special session of the new Congress, recently elected, beginning immediately after the inauguration of M'Kinley on March 4. The attitude of the new Senate cannot be foreseen clearly, but if the Senate shall not oppose the revision, the Republican leaders will count upon the enactment of the new bill by July 1, or August 1. The prospect is, that the duties on wool will be as high in this bill as they were in the old M'Kinley tariff, the rates in that law having been 11c. a pound for unwashed clothing wool (22c. for washed, and 33c. for scoured), and 12c. for combing wool. After the removal of these duties, in 1894, the imports of fine wool were greatly increased, and it was expected that our manufacturers of woollen goods, free for the first time to select raw material from the fleeces of the whole world, would speedily adapt their industry to the new conditions. There was retained for their protection a duty on woollens, averaging about 55 per cent. (in place of the old rate of nearly 100 per cent.), which was believed to be sufficient. They started out well, but, as their factories were not equipped for the best work, and all our industries were depressed, and the cost of production abroad was reduced, they became somewhat discouraged, and the imports of woollens from abroad became very large. A majority of them are now in favour of duties on wool, because with those duties they hope to get more protection for their goods. While I think that wool should be on the free list, it seems to me that the wool-growing farmers who ask for "protective" duties are entitled to a hearing. The removal of the duties largely reduced the price of their wool, and the reduction was increased by the enlargement of the supply in wool-growing countries. Our farmers were suffering from a general decline in the prices of their products, and they felt that they had not been treated fairly by the revisers of the tariff. The wool duties had been worth something to them, and, outside of these, there was in the tariff not much that was directly beneficial to the agriculturists. They saw high duties retained for the benefit of manufacturers, while the duties which had enhanced the price of their wool were taken away. And these retained duties were, in many instances, used by combinations as instruments for the extortion of unjustifiable prices from them for manufactured goods. They demand that the duties on wool shall be restored, and the Republican party, committed to the support of wool taxes, will undertake to restore them.

TARIFF PROSPECTS.

We cannot avoid a somewhat prolonged agitation of the tariff question and the commercial and industrial disturbance which is always caused by tariff debates and tariff legislation in Congress. Mr. M'Kinley desires, it is said, that at the beginning of his term there shall be enacted a tariff law which will "stand." But any revision in accord with his views, and those of the other leaders of his party, can remain in force for more than two or three years. The pendulum will swing the other way again, and there is danger that the reaction will give the Bryanites and the "discontented masses" a lease of power in 1900. It would be much safer to accept the suggestion of the gold-standard Democrats that the revenue should be increased by new and temporary taxes on coffee, tea, and beer. By such legislation, reviving business would not be disturbed and harassed. But the Republicans are indissolubly joined to their "protection" idols. It may be predicted with reasonable certainty that they will make no earnest effort to improve the condition of the national currency. The gold standard has been saved, and they hold that there is no need of currency reform. If there were a compact and well-organised party opposed to them, their defeat two years or four years hence could be foreseen, but I do not see how the Silver-Populist branch and the Gold branch of the Democratic party can be brought together.

ATTITUDE OF THE BRYANITES.

The Bryanite leaders are disposed to stand aside and permit the Republicans to apply their remedies for the relief of the country. "You have your gold standard," they say, "and you assert that tariff revision on high protective lines will ensure prosperity. We don't believe it will. But go ahead, and when the worthlessness of your remedy, or remedies, shall have been demonstrated, the people will turn the government over to us." They know that the Republicans will not attempt to restrain or suppress the Trust combinations, but will, in their tariff bill, legislate for the benefit of these organisations, and thus keep alive the spirit of discontent and protest which gave strength to the Bryan movement. A few days after his defeat, the owners of a large "department" store or shop in this city asked Bryan to attend to their law business at a salary of 25,000dol. a year, but he declined this, saying that it was his purpose to devote his time to the promotion of "bimetallism." He has since been engaged to deliver a series of lectures, for which he is to receive 50,000dol., but it seems probable that his managers will lose money.

A POSSIBLE CABINET APPOINTMENT.

It is announced to-day that Mr. M'Kinley has asked Mr. Hanna to accept the office of Secretary of the Treasury in his Cabinet. Hanna is a millionaire engaged in the mining and transportation of iron ore, who was never heard of in politics until he took charge of M'Kinley's canvass two years ago. He had raised 100,000dol. to pay M'Kinley's private debts. After the nomination of his man he became chairman of the Republican campaign committee, and in that capacity was manager of the campaign. Two years ago he organised a combination of the Trust type, which has since controlled the output and price of the ores from which our Bessemer iron is made. This combination has deprived the country of a great part of the advantage which it should have gained by reason of the discovery and utilisation of the enormous and practically inexhaustible surface deposits of ore in Minnesota, which can be mined and loaded upon cars with steam shovels at a very small cost. Hanna is also the friend and associate of the managers of many other similar combinations controlling crude or finished products in the iron and steel industry, and M'Kinley makes a very poor beginning when he gives him the most important office in his Cabinet. It should be said, however, that Hanna has not yet accepted the offer.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

All sorts of stories are published here about the apparently interminable war in Cuba. It is very difficult, although the island lies so near our shores, to obtain trustworthy detailed accounts of any engagement, but the general drift of the conflict is perceived. The Spanish army either was of very little value at the beginning, or has since been paralysed by fright and the incompetency of its commanders. Spain has sent 220,000 soldiers to the island, and I suppose the insurgents have never had more than 40,000. But they have steadily advanced from the eastern end of Cuba, defying all attempts to stop them, and are now over-running the whole island, except the district in the immediate vicinity of Havana. General Weyler left his comfortable quarters in that city a few days ago, and "took the field" with some ostentation. Three days later he came back, and thousands of wounded soldiers followed him. Now he has gone once more to the front, wherever that may be; but an impression prevails here that he can accomplish nothing. Not long ago he was reinforced by 40,000 soldiers in order that he might speedily bring the contest to an end. He has since made no progress, and there are 18,000 soldiers in the Cuban hospitals.

The insurgents have used dynamite skilfully and most effectively. They have dynamite field-pieces, and they employ expert electricians, who "plant" battlegrounds with the explosive. If the Spaniards can be drawn to a field or a pass thus "planted," a current transmitted through a hidden wire from a distant elevated point causes terrible slaughter. On one field so "planted," to which a part of Weyler's army was drawn by retreating insurgents, nearly 800 Spaniards were blown to pieces. All the passes which lead to the fastnesses in the hills west of Havana, which the insurgents hold, are planted with the little rolls of dynamite, and it is not surprising that the Spanish soldiers lose courage, knowing that at any moment they may be slain by this concealed force, although there are no armed foes in sight. This Cuban insurrection has intensified the horrors of war.

While it is true that the insurgents have received supplies from this country, there has been no organised movement for their assistance which has attracted public attention. We hear occasionally of some small steamer eluding the vigilance of Government vessels, and going from some port in Florida to the island, but nothing more. The American people, however, are waiting impatiently for an opportunity to interfere. It is believed that if the movement in which Weyler professes to be engaged should be clearly unsuccessful, some decided step would be taken by the President and by Congress. Some reference to this matter will be made in Mr. Cleveland's message next week, as to the contents of which you will be informed by cable before the arrival of this letter.

HAWAIIN ANNEXATION.

John W. Foster, who was Secretary of State in February, 1893, when our Minister at Honolulu took the Hawaiin provisional Government under his protection, and who negotiated with the Hawaiin commissioners before the end of that month the annexation treaty so hurriedly laid before the Senate, in order that it might be ratified before Mr. Cleveland should become President, two weeks later, conveniently happened to be in Honolulu just before the recent election, discussing the question of annexation with the rulers of the little republic. He returned to this country without delay after the election of M'Kinley, and appears to have been employed by the annexationists to urge upon the incoming Government the expediency of reviving the treaty which Mr. Cleveland laid aside three years ago. Undoubtedly the present rulers of the island will again propose annexation. Mr. Foster says that if we do not act without delay some other power will step in and take possession, but thus far there are no signs of such a movement on the part of any other nation. Some Americans believe that this annexation scheme is promoted by a concealed speculative syndicate, which will have large profits in view if our Government shall be induced to accept the treaty of 1893, or one like it.

REMARKABLE METEORS.

The record of this season's meteoric "showers" has been enlivened by two tales from the sea. The German steamship Helgoland, which recently arrived at Philadelphia from a German port, had a narrow escape while off the Newfoundland "banks." A huge meteor struck the water about 300ft. from the ship, bursting with a loud report and generating great waves. The heat of the incandescent mass was felt by the deck hands. The master of the steamship Wilkommen, which arrived at this port on the 1st inst. from Dantzic, reports that at midnight on November 17, in mid-ocean, a great meteor, "glowing like a small sun," fell into the sea about two miles ahead of the vessel, leaving a streak of light in its wake, and that soon afterwards a great wave "rushed out of the blackness ahead," broke over the bow, and swept aft, luckily doing very little damage, because everything had been secured.

NIAGARA AS A MOTIVE POWER.

Although the electric power produced at Niagara Falls, where several millions of dollars have been invested in the electric plant, has for some time been used in the factories of one kind and another which have been built on the company's lands, not until the 16th ult. was it transmitted to the city of Buffalo, where it is to be sold to anyone who wishes to use it. The distance is 27 miles, and the cables are capable of carrying 40,000-horse power. The first sale was made to a street railway company in the city, which takes 1,000-horse power, substituting it for electric force generated at its own local works. The price charged is 36dol. per annum for one-horse power, used for 24 hours in the day, and as this is much less than the cost of steam power used only 10 hours in the day, the company will soon have a market in the city for all the power it is ready to supply. Power will be transmitted to other cities at greater distances. Water is taken from a point in the river above the famous falls, and led through canals to wells 132ft. deep. It drops down in penstocks to turbine wheels at the base of these, and then passes out through a tunnel to the river below the cataract.

A REMARKABLE GIRL.

That wonderful girl, Helen Keller, has very successfully passed the entrance examinations for Radcliffe College, the woman's annex to Harvard University. She is only 16 years old, and since her infancy she has been blind, deaf, and dumb. That is to say, she was dumb for years, but she has learned to speak, and does now speak quite fluently in English, German, and French, although she cannot hear what she says, and has never heard any other person make an articulate sound. She reads with her fingers whatever is said to her. Putting her thumb over the larynx of the speaker, her forefinger upon the lips, and her middle finger at the side of the speaker's nose, she understands instantly and without error every word by means of the vibrations. At the examinations she took the questions from the lips of an examiner, and promptly returned typewritten answers. Only one other person—a Norwegian girl—under similar disadvantages has rivalled Helen Keller's accomplishments, but she has not progressed so far. One must stop and think for a moment and try to realise the condition of this child, unable to see, hear, or speak from the day when she was only a year and a half old, before he can understand how great the obstacles were which she has overcome, how thick were the inclosing walls which she has broken down, and how marvellous her advancement has been.

TONGARIRO IN ERUPTION.

A MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE.

(FROM THE NEW ZEALAND "TIMES.")

NAPIER, Dec. 17.

On Tuesday morning considerable curiosity was aroused by the fact that there had been a heavy fall of volcanic dust during the night. All broad-leaved foliage was covered with a sediment which was palpably volcanic ash, and looked like flour pumice. It was thought there had been some volcanic eruption, but, as there was no news of such a thing, nothing more was thought of it. A representative of the "Evening News" interviewed Mr. Edmund Peters, the well-known coach proprietor of Tokaanu, last night, and from his lips ascertained the cause of the fall of dust in greater or less quantities all over the Hawke's Bay province, and especially heavily in and round Napier.

It appears that the first outbreak took place about five weeks ago, Tongariro belching forth at a spot about 200ft. above the summit of Te Maare, on the northern slope—considered, rightly or wrongly, to be one of Tongariro's safety valves. Mr. Peters was only eight miles distant at the time. He says the sight was beautiful beyond description. The eruption was preceded by a succession of earthquakes, no less than 140 being recorded as having been felt at Tokaanu during the night. Just before the first outburst smoke and flame were seen, and a terrific roar was heard like the sough of a monster rocket. A long, loud rumble then occurred, and the earth in the vicinity oscillated with a peculiar rocking motion. Clouds of smoke, flame, and dust, intermingled cleft the sky, it is estimated, for about a mile, and spread mushroom like. Soon the whole of the higher atmosphere in the neighbourhood became obscured, and an awe-inspiring darkness enwrapped the locality.

The air at the same time became heated almost to an unbearable pitch. Soon a shower of small stones began to fall, and a hasty retreat on the part of the spectators was deemed advisable. Miniature stones, the size of peas, rattled like hailstones on the roofs of some of the houses in the vicinity during the whole of one night. There were several smaller eruptions from time to time, and the second big outburst took place on Friday week, when the mountain emitted even a greater quantity of debris in the shape of an almost impalpable grey dust, which covered the country in the vicinity, in some places to the depth of several inches, and for 11 miles all round with a deposit about 2in. thick, whilst flax bushes, fern trees, and other vegetation drooped with the unusual weight of the volcanic dust. The country, seen from an eminence, presented a peculiarly weird appearance in its grey coating.

Mr. Peters does not think that the dust from either of these explosions reached Napier, but that the visitation there was caused by emanations of minor and yet considerable eruption on Sunday morning last, when a stiff westerly wind was blowing from Tongariro, which is almost due west from Napier.

Ruapehu, Mr Peters informed the interviewer, showed no sign of disturbance. Ngauruhoe is emitting a white, sulphurous steam, but it is not of an unusual description. He is very emphatic on that head, in view of certain erroneous reports which have been circulated from Auckland with regard to the matter, and he is in a position to have his statements considered authentic, as his usual coach route lies close round the base of the mountain from Tokaanu to Waiouru, and enables the traveller to make a close inspection of the whole group of mountains, the nearest point of the road being only five miles distant from Ruapehu.

Dr. Friedlander, the famous Swiss Alpine explorer, under the tutelage of the well-known guide, Roderick Gray, was on Tongariro during one of the outbursts, and had to beat a hasty retreat windward in consequence of the suffocating fumes and sulphurous smoke.

As may be imagined, the party had some rather hazardous experiences. The Doctor says he has visited all the famous volcanoes of the world, but nowhere before has he seen so grand, so awe-inspiring, so truly beautiful a sight as that which he viewed on this occasion at Te Maare. So impressed is he, indeed, with his experience, that he has determined to prolong his stay for another week, and is even now encamped on an adjacent mountain in company with a friend and the guide, Mr. Gray.

No immediate danger is apprehended by the residents, as the eruption is looked upon as having been the outpouring of a safety valve. It is anticipated that it will ensure the quietude of Tongariro for a time at least.

As for the dust shower, the fact that it has covered the grass and herbaceous vegetation in the immediate vicinity is looked upon with comparative equanimity, because it is recognised that with a few showers of rain this will be remedied, and everything will grow better than before, because of the fertilising top coating.

The sunset at Tokaanu at present are said to be so beautiful as to baffle description. This is owing to the play of the iridescent rays of the setting sun on the molecular myriads which have been floating in space ever since the beginning of the eruptions.

CLERKS AND OVERTIME.

Sir,—When the hours and conditions of work of our factory hands are receiving the attention of the Legislature, surely something might be done for the oft-times well-dressed, but in very many cases hard-up, mercantile clerk. It is not at all an uncommon thing, even with first-class firms, for the clerks to work regularly at night without extra pay; tea money may be allowed, but more often no allowance is made, and the work is taken home. Nor is this all. Saturday afternoons and Sundays are rapidly being encroached upon, and one might say with safety that mention of Sunday work to any of the staff of our great mercantile houses causes no surprise. A smart, active clerk, intent on his employer's business from 9 in the morning till 5 or 6 p.m., is especially in summer weather—thoroughly used up at knock-off time, and he needs all the rest and recreation he can get in the remaining hours of the 24. When, however, he is of necessity compelled to toil on into the night, and not unusually on Sundays and public holidays as well, it is time that vigorous protest was made and redress obtained. It would be worse than useless for the clerk to remonstrate personally to his employer. For instance, where the immediate head is the manager of a department, complaint would be met with the reply that the firm will make no further allowance for clerical assistance, that if the dissatisfied one cannot do the work somehow, very well, he (the manager) must get someone else to do it. The best and most practical way is to make public appeal to principals of firms and managing directors of companies generally. I am strongly of opinion that were these gentlemen to make strict inquiry into the working of their respective offices they would be astonished to find the amount of night and Sunday work which goes on. This habitual and unpaid overtime and subsidy can, with comparatively small extra cost and a little judicious management, be entirely done away with, excepting, say, at a time of unwonted pressure of business. I sincerely trust that what I have said will receive the consideration of our leading city merchants, so that a few at least of my comrades in toil may have another chance of debating the question, "Is life worth living?"—Yours, &c.,

AN OVERWORKED ONE.

Jan. 6.

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WOOL SALES RESUMED.

MELBOURNE.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6.

After an interval of about three weeks our local wool sales were resumed this afternoon, when three firms of selling brokers met the buyers with catalogues aggregating 6,424 bales. The attendance of buyers was as large as usual, but competition was not so brisk as before the holidays, and the market shows very decided weakness. Greasy merinoes show a fall of about ½d. per lb. and greasy crossbreds of about ½d. per lb. compared with the rates ruling before the holidays.

It might be supposed that the fall could be accounted for, to some extent, by the nature of the selection, which was certainly not a good one; but with every desire to take the most hopeful view of the situation, it must be admitted that the fall is far heavier than can be explained in this way. The immediate cause of the fall is the reduction of buyers' limits, and there seems to be very little doubt that this is due to the fact that topmakers and spinners, who have paid the higher rates ruling in Australia and in London during the last two months, have found it impossible to secure adequate advances in the prices of their goods. It may be true that trade is good, and that the mills of Europe are busy, but of what avail is this unless a rise can be established in the manufactured goods. This is the stumbling block against which so many promising advances in wool have fallen during the last few years. We may have a conjunction of circumstances most favourable to a rise in wool—low prices, a large consumption, busy mills, moderate supply—and speculators, quick to snatch a profit, force up the value of the raw material. The spinners and manufacturers are compelled to pay the advance, and for a time all goes well. People, they say, must have clothes, and if the wool costs more they must be prepared to pay more for their clothes. Such is the theory which has launched into existence so many promising advances in the value of wool. But the rock upon which they nearly all seem to have struck, the barrier which it seems so hard to pass, is the extreme difficulty of getting the merchants and the distributors to pay any higher prices for the manufactured goods. It is hard to say to what cause this is to be ascribed. It may be that, for the time, there is a kind of limit to the purchasing power of the people of the world, which makes it impossible for them to increase their expenditure in one direction without at the same time diminishing it in another. If this view be correct, then the recent great rise in the prices of breadstuffs may perhaps have necessitated a world-wide forced economy in clothing, which would make a rise in wool just now particularly inopportune. Not, of course, that the high price of food would prevent a rise in wool if the working classes of the world were enjoying an extra earning power and therefore an extra spending power. But what is important is to bear in mind that the upward impetus in wool to be at all permanent should come from the world's consumers of manufactured wool, rather than from a group of speculators in the raw material, however strong they may be. And for the moment that impetus seems to be lacking, though, of course, no one can tell when a change will take place.

At the wool sales to-day, 6,424 bales were offered, and 4,385 bales sold, compared with 7,688 bales offered, and 5,377 bales sold, on the corresponding day last year.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. offered 4,658 bales, of which they sold 3,377 bales. Greasy merino sold up to 8d. for GC over F and for BB over Fox, both lots from the South Australian border. The largest clips disposed of were—Yalgogrin, a soft brown merino, up to 7½d.; Eremeran, PJ over B from Byerock, and GM over Bald Hill from Grenfell at 7¼d. Greasy crossbred sold up to 7½d. In scoured, Lalbert over OX sold up to 13d., and Yarra Yarra to 13d. The following are the principal lots disposed of:—

GREASY.

GC over F (Cunnamurra, S.A. border), 14 at 8d.
BB (first B reversed) over Fox (Pemila), 14 at 8d.
JR in diamond over Thornhill-park (Riverina), 22 of 1st com. at 7½d., 10 of 2nd com. at 7d.
Widgewa (Narrandera), 21 of AE at 7¾d.
Crown over Yalgogrin (Narrandera), 18 of 1st W at 7¾d., 27 of 1st E at 7½d., 86 of W and E at 7d., 31 of E at 6½d., 67 of 1st pcs at 6½d., 21 of bellies at 4½d., 12 of 1st lambs' at 6½d.
J McG over MP, 13 of 1st com. at 7½d.
Eremeran (Coolabong), 18 of 2nd com. E at 7¼d., 11 of dingy at 6½d., 167 of 1st pcs at 6½d., 23 of 1st pcs at 6½d., 17 of 2nd pcs at 5½d., 18 of pcs and bellies at 5d., 15 of 2nd pcs at 4½d., 34 of pcs and bellies at 4½d., 12 of bellies at 4½d., 29 of 1st lambs' at 6½d., and 29 of 2nd lambs' at 5¾d.
PJ over B (Byrock), 7 of H at 7¼d., 35 at 7d., 24 of W and E at 6½d., 11 of W at 6½d., 20 of E at 6d., 52 of AP at 6½d., 145 of HP at 6½d., 15 of bellies at 6½d., and 10 of B lambs' at 6d.
Mossolong (Conwal), 26 of AE at 7½d., 30 of AE at 7d.
G M on its side over Bald Hill (Grenfell), 121 of H and E at 7¼d., 29 of E at 7½d., 12 of dingy at 6½d., 14 of 2nd pcs at 5½d., 14 of bellies at 4½d.
SW over Geragery (Albury), 27 of 7½d.
Buckingbong (Narrandera), 12 of E at 7d., and 13 of E at 6d.
M D H over Oak Hills (Wimmera), 18 of 1st com. at 6½d., and 16 of abd. at 6½d.
VDE over Larchborough over Iverne (Muttaburra, Q.), 28 of E at 6½d.

GREASY CROSSBRED.

FC over W, 6 of comeback H at 7½d., and 8 at 7d.
D&L over Clyde, 22 at 7½d.
GMcCL, 14 at 7½d.
McK over Glenorie (Kyneton), 14 of comeback at 7½d.
VBB over Barnadale (Gippsland), 10 of W and E at 6½d.
A crown over Yalgogrin (Narrandera), 40 of 1st H at 6½d., 15 at 6½d., 22 of 1st pcs at 4d., 15 of bellies at 4½d.

SCOURED.

Lalbert over OX (Pyramid Hill), 15 of fleece at 13d., 24 of pcs at 11½d., 20 of 2nd pcs at 9½d., 26 of bellies at 9d., 11 of A locks at 8d., and 24 of lambs' at 9d.
AIA over Yarra Yarra (Germanton), 24 of fleece at 13d., 129 of pcs at 12½d., 28 of pcs at 12d., 24 of 2nd pcs at 9½d., 41 of locks at 8½d., and 32 of lambs' at 10d.
Rica over R, 4 of scr. com. at 12½d.
F in circle over Buckingbong (Narrandera), 17 of clt. at 12½d., and 10 of broken at 11½d.
Kenastown (Darlington Point), 16 of fleece at 12½d., and 26 of locks at 7d.
P (reversed) MP conj. in block, 12 of fleece at 11½d., 7 of 1st pcs at 10½d.

Younghusband and Co. offered 1,223 bales, and disposed of 814 bales. Greasy merino sold up to 8½d. for Narracoorte, and to 8d. for HP over Wagra, and for Amos from Tasmania. Greasy crossbred sold up to 7½d. for D Kay. The following are the principal lots sold:—

GREASY.

L over Narracoorte, 4 at 8½d.
Meringanbie over WR, 17 at 8d.
HP conj. over Wagra (Tallangatta), 36 of 1st com. at 8d., 9 of clt. at 7½d., and 19 of pcs at [illegible].
Amos (Tasmania), 6 at 8d.
JL over Merriwa (Tallangatta), 11 at 7½d.
Benk over Denis (Mansfield), 12 at 7½d.

GREASY CROSSBRED.

D Kay (Narracoorte), 5 at 7½d., and 4 of [illegible] at 7½d.
HP conj. over Wagra (Tallangatta), 15 at 7½d., 12 at 7½d., 15 at 7d., 5 of lambs at 6½d., 15 of pcs at 6½d.
LB over D (Yea), 10 at 6½d.
P.J.D. over Avenel, 19 at 6½d.

SCOURED.

A. Clarke over Hamilton over Victoria, 15 of 1st com. mer. at 13d., 5 of abd at 10½d., 10 of 2nd pcs at 9½d., 9 of 1st pcs X at 9d., and 15 of 2nd pcs X at 7d.

Messrs. Younghusband and Co. have also offered 307 and sold 233 bales at Albury since their last sale in Melbourne.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. offered 543 bales and sold 234 bales. Greasy wool sold up to 6½d. for crossbred from Bacchus Marsh and from Alexandra. The following are the principal lots disposed of:—

GREASY.

ES (Bacchus Marsh), 5 of abd at 6½d.
SL, 4 of abd at 6½d.
WHC over B (Alexandra), 7 of abd at 6½d., and 7 of 2/d at 6½d.
MM (last M on side), 6 of mer. at 6½d.
H Bros. over Morrabama, 5 of comeback at 6½d., 8 of clt. at 6d., 20 of 1st pcs at 6d., 12 of 2nd pcs at 4½d., 8 of bellies at 3½d., and 9 of locks at 1½d.
TA over T Dale (Mt. Gambier), 5 of abd at 6½d.
GqH over Spectacles (Echuca), 14 of mer. at 5½d., and 6 of abd at 5½d.

SYDNEY.

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

At the wool sales to-day, 10,986 bales were offered and 6,981 sold. A number of very superior clips were submitted, including a fair winter from Tasmania. There was little change in values, the apparent weakness being less marked in the case of mediums and greases. The highest price for greasies was 10½d. for Tasmanian wool of fine quality, a second lot bringing 9d.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association report for to-day:—[illegible] at to-day's sales by [illegible] at to-day's sales [illegible] the Agency Company [illegible] of at auction and privately. A few very superior clips were included [illegible] showed [illegible] compared with good estd prices at the [illegible] rates of values previously ruling at the [illegible]. The following prices were realised:—[illegible] Tasmania, 10½d.; GP over Bosco [illegible], 9d.; Aveline, from Tasmania, 9d.; A over Linton over New England, from Tasmania, 9d.; from Manilla, 9d.; GT over Rockville, from [illegible]; C. Purcell, from Adelong, 7¾d.; RC [illegible] Hexagon over Woolbrook, from Bigga, 7¾d.; [illegible] over Marrowvale, from Walgett, 7¾d.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

At the second wool sales at Timaru, 2,800 bales were offered. Half-bred ranged from 7½d. to 7¾d.; crossbred 5d. to 7½d., scoured 6½d. to 1[illegible].

GOLD-BEARING BARYTES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

Sir,—In your issue of to-day, it is stated—in reporting a gold discovery in Gippsland—that "so far no instance of gold-bearing barytes has been discovered in Australia."

This is probably true if limited to Victoria, but as gold has been found associated with barytes in New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania, this recent discovery can hardly claim to be the first made in Australia.—I am, &c.,

H.W.

Jan. 6.

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TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

Richmond races; Fitzroy entries; settling over Moonee Valley races, Victorian Club.

SPORTING NOTES.

Settling over the Moonee Valley races will take place to-day at the Victorian Club.

The cross-country rider, J. Barbour, is seriously ill. His life is almost despaired of by his friends.

The Geelong meeting, announced for January 29 and 30, has been abandoned. The Williamstown Racing Club, taking advantage of the abandonment, will hold a meeting on January 30.

Word comes from Sydney that Cravat is to be turned out for a spell.

Cornalla, who has been running well recently, was a strong favourite for the Hurdle Race at Moonee Valley yesterday, for, although the stable connections held off, the public was satisfied to lay odds on. Hotspur, who was well backed, fell, and after the accident the result was never in doubt, the favourite winning in a canter. Cornalla is by Sardius, and is leased by Mr. J. B. Clark from his breeder, Mr. H. Ricketson. J. E. Brewer, who rode Cornalla, also had the mount on Galant, winner of the Jumpers' Flat Race.

Treason failed to get a place at Maribyrnong, but in similar company, in the Valley Purse, at Moonee Valley yesterday, she won easily, starting favourite. Some of the owner's fellow-fielders were inclined to be nasty about the reversal of form.

Oxey, on whom odds were laid for the January Handicap, at Moonee Valley yesterday, ran badly, the winner turning up in Partner, whose success enabled the bookmakers to get back a good portion of their previous losses.

There will be a race meeting at Richmond to-day.

Entries for to-morrow's Fitzroy races will close to-night with the secretary, Mr. J. Webster.

At a meeting of the committee of the Drouin Turf Club, writes the Drouin correspondent of "The Argus," the secretary presented a statement showing the receipts and expenditure of the New Year's meeting. The former amounted to £114, and the latter to £72. He estimated that the profit would be about £50. It was decided to hold the usual races at Easter.

A travelling watchmaker, named Peter Cogan, who has lived in this district for the past few years, won (writes our Numurkah correspondent) second prize in Tattersall's 5/ sweep on the Sydney Carrington Stakes, run off on New Year's Day. His prize is worth £972 net.

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Six furlongs. £10.
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EXCURSION FARES.
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BENALLA RACING CLUB.
FOUNDATION DAY, TUESDAY, 26th JAN., 1897.
SUMMER MEETING.
1.—Trial Stakes. Six furlongs. 15 sovs. W.f.a. For all horses that have never won a stake of £7 or over. Maiden allowance, 10lb., to be claimed time entry. 2. Flying Handicap. Five furlongs. 20 sovs. 3.—Handicap Hurdle Race. One mile five furlongs. 15 sovs. 4.—Anniversary Handicap. About nine furlongs. 20 sovs. 5.—Handicap Trot. Two miles. 5 sovs. 6.—Farewell Handicap. Six furlongs. 15 sovs. Nominations all handicaps close Saturday, 16th Jan. Weight "The Argus" 20th. Entry Trial Stakes 22nd Jan. V.R.C. rules. Full particulars apply
CHAS. H. MACAULAY, Sec.

MOONEE VALLEY RACES.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6.

Fine weather favoured the Moonee Valley meeting, but the attendance was only moderate. Cornalla easily landed the odds laid on him in the Hurdle Race, and J. E. Brewer, who had the mount, also rode the winner in the Jumpers' Flat Race—Galant. In the latter race, M. Mahoney, the rider of Realgar, complained about the foul riding of D. Guerin, on Charon, but the charge, on being inquired into by the stewards, was not sustained. Betsy Swiveller won the Maiden Plate, and, although Ierne was a strong favourite for the Valley Plate, she failed to get a place, victory resting with Nanette, who was well backed. Treason, a strong favourite, won the Valley Purse, and Partner, who was the least fancied of the three horses backed, won the January Handicap easily. Details:—

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.

Of 40 sovs.; second, 10 sovs. One mile four furlongs and a half.

J. B. Clark's br g Cornalla, by Sardius, 6 yrs, [illegible] .. 1
[illegible] .. 2
[illegible] .. 3

The other starters were—Hotspur, aged, 10.11 [illegible]; Vesta [illegible]; Pennon [illegible]; Medrally, Extra, [illegible]; Sir W. [illegible]; Manyana, aged, [illegible].

Betting.—6 to 4 on Cornalla, 4 to 1 agst Hotspur, 6 to 1 agst Vesta, 10 to 1 each agst Charon and Ferbank.

Won by two lengths; a bad third. Vesta was fourth, Sir W. next, and Extra last. Hotspur fell, and Percussion refused. Time, [illegible].

MAIDEN PLATE.

Of 30 sovs.; second, 5 sovs. Special weights. Five furlongs.

J. C. O'Donnell's b f Betsy Swiveller, by Swivelier—Betsy, 3 yrs, 7.5 (W. Redfearn) .. 1
Mrs. A. Davies's ch f Haven, 2 yrs, 6.2 (A. Hearn) .. 2
R. Cumberland's br or bk f Lady Vengeance, 3 yrs, 7.5, carried 7.7 (T. Halligan) .. 3

The other starters were—Crumpet, 4 yrs, 8.2 (A. Baxendale); Lowan, 3 yrs, 8.2, carried 8.3 (G. Walker); Stakeby, aged, 8.0 (R. Caulfield); Pilot Fish, 2 yrs, 7.8 (R. Lewis); Tally-Ho, 3 yrs, 7.2 (Jas. Hayes); Warning, 2 yrs, 6.3, carried 7.1 (C. Powers); Wild Haven, 2 yrs, 6.3, carried 6.7 (W. C. Watts); Cliff, 2 yrs, 6.3 (L. Flowers); The Mask, 2 yrs, 6.3 (W. Crowell); Chokebore, 2 yrs, 6.3, carried 6.7 (W. Simpson); Nanette, 2 yrs, 6.2 (J. M'Grath).

Betting.—Evens Betsy Swiveller, 4 to 1 agst Cliff, 5 to 1 each agst Chokebore and Nanette.

Won by half a length; two lengths between second and third. Nanette was fourth, Chokebore next, and The Mask last. Time, 1min. 5¼sec.

VALLEY PLATE.

Of 35 sovs.; second, 5 sovs. Five furlongs and a quarter.

W. Strongman's br f Nanette, by Goldsbrough—Nancy, 4 yrs, 7.2 (N. Leek) .. 1
E. Davies's b g Glenken, aged, 7.3 (Fagman) .. 2
J. M'Donald's b g Wanagerta, aged, 7.6 (C. Chaper) .. 3

The other starters were—Ierne, aged, 8.9, carried 8.5 (T. Scorer); Cobalt, aged, 8.0, carried 8.3 (T. Sanders); Kelp, 5 yrs, 8.2 (J. Brewer); Ierne, 5 yrs, 7.12 (Pearson); Morning, 6 yrs, 7.7 (Hearn); Coolgardie, aged, 7.4 (W. Redfearn); Florin, 6 yrs, 7.1 (G. Onn); Fortassi, 2 yrs, 7.1 (R. Lewis).

Betting.—5 to 4 agst Ierne, 5 to 2 agst Nanette, 5 to 1 agst Fortassi, 8 to 1 agst Glenken, 10 to 1 each agst Cobalt, Kelp, Coolgardie, and Wanagerta.

Won by a length; same distance between second and third. Ierne was fourth, and Loch [illegible] last. Time, 1min. 7¼sec.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE.

Of 40 sovs.; second, 10 sovs. Eight furlongs and a half.

J. E. Brewer's b g Galant, by St. Leger—Vivandiere, 6 yrs, 10.3 (Owner) .. 1
J. B. Clark's ch g Bell Metal, 5 yrs, 9.7 (T. Darby) .. 2
R. D. Oswald's br g Boyton, 4 yrs, 9.7 (C. Ivemy) .. 3

The other starters were—Realgar, 5 yrs, 10.5 (M. Mooney); Charon, 5 yrs, 9.8 (Guerin); R.I.C., 6 yrs of aged, 8.0 (R. Caulfield).

Betting.—5 to 4 agst Galant, 5 to 2 agst Realgar, 6 to 1 agst Charon, 7 to 1 agst Boyton.

Won by four lengths; a bad third. Realgar was fourth, and R.I.C. last. Time, 1min. 56¼sec.

VALLEY PURSE.

Of 35 sovs.; second, 5 sovs. Five furlongs and a quarter.

M. Jacobs's b f Treason, by Trenton—Sedition, 4 yrs, 8.2 (G. Murray) .. 1
J. Moffatt's b f Termagant, 3 yrs, 8.5 (Fowler) .. 2
S. Miller's ch g Iramoo, 5 yrs, 8.5 (Pearson) .. 3

The other starters were—Sinking Fund, aged, 9.0 (T. Darby); Dunwell, 3 yrs, 8.5 (H. Holmes); Clean Sheet, 4 yrs, 7.8 (N. Leek); Alacrity, 4 yrs, 7.5, carried 7.6 (R. Walker); Exchange, 3 yrs, 7.4 (R. Lewis).

Betting.—Evens Treason, 4 to 1 each agst Clean Sheet and Dunwell, 6 to 1 agst Iramoo.

Won by a length; a neck between second and third. Clean Sheet was fourth, and Exchange last. Time, 1min. 6¼sec.

JANUARY HANDICAP.

Of 35 sovs.; second, 5 sovs. Eight furlongs and a half.

W. Murray's b g Partner, by Creswick—Nairne, aged, 8.0 (H. Christenson) .. 1
H. A. M'Kay's br c Councillor, 4 yrs, 7.9 (N. Leek) .. 2
R. B. Morrow's b g Archer, aged, 6.7, carried 6.12 (W. Redfearn) .. 3

The other starters were—Monah, aged, 8.6 (E. Flood); Oxey, 4 yrs, 8.4 (J. Cunningham).

Betting.—5 to 4 on Oxey, 5 to 2 agst Councillor, 5 to 1 agst Partner.

Won by five lengths; a length between second and third. Monah was last. Time, 1min. 58sec.

MENTONE HANDICAPS.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9.

Trial Handicap, of 20 sovs. Five furlongs and a quarter.—Treason, 9.7; Councillor, 9.2; Iramoo, 9.0; Blitz, 9.0; Trendle, 9.0; Lottie, 9.0; Vesperus, 8.10; Viscount, 8.10; Actress, 8.7; Pactolus, 8.6; Stakeby, 7.12; Comet, 7.12; Skyla, 7.7; Lady Cavendish, 7.4; Vindictive, 7.1; Breadalbane, 7.0; Forester, 7.0; Alaska, 6.12; Carlisle, 6.7; Tally Ho, 6.7.

Mentone Plate, of 40 sovs. Five furlongs and a quarter.—Blum, 9.13; Loch Fad, 9.0; Wild Irise, 9.0; Perverse, 8.13; Babel, 8.11; Lailah, 8.11; Saddle Up, 8.3; Nanette, 8.3; Mistletoe, 8.1; Sir Oliver, 8.1; Kelp, 8.0; Arkansas, 8.0; [illegible], 7.12; Glenken, 7.12; Golden Fleece, 7.11; Kerema, 7.11; Orient, 7.11; May Day, 7.10; Rask, 7.5; Wanagong, 7.5; Shannon, 7.1.

Mentone Purse, of 40 sovs. Five furlongs and a quarter.—Sinking Fund, 9.9; Treason, 9.0; Gal., 8.10; Termagant, 8.9; Lottie, 8.7; Dunwell, 8.7; Iramoo, 8.4; Glenore, 8.4; Vesperus, 8.4; Viscount, 8.3; Dowry, 8.1; Twist, 8.0; Argyle, 7.10; Governor, 7.7; Stakeby, 7.7; Alacrity, 7.1; Sunset, 7.1; Forester, 6.10; Kittylea, 6.7; Florida, 6.7; Coriana, 6.7.

Handicap Steeplechase, of 35 sovs. About two miles.—Triangle, 12.0; Balmaghie, 11.5; The Orphan, 11.2; Doctor, 10.12; Waratah, 10.7; Combango, 9.9; O.K., 9.5; Mazeppa, 9.0.

Jumpers' Flat Race, of 25 sovs. One mile and a quarter.—Galant, 10.7; Bonny Lass, 10.4; Nanette, 10.4; Realgar, 9.10; Chartreuse, 9.7; Kimberley, 9.0; Te Coma, 9.0; Bell Metal, 9.0; The Barb, 8.11; Exchange, 8.5; Garnet, 8.4; Ringara, 8.0.

Welter Handicap, of 35 sovs. Six furlongs and a half.—Brilliant, 11.0; Nanette, 10.9; Sunray, 10.4; Partner, 10.4; Botany Bay, 10.2; Golden Fleece, 9.12; Jetstant, 9.12; Eurus, 9.7; Councillor, 9.7; Bonny Lass, 9.7; Shannon, 8.13; Deacon, 8.12; Blitz, 8.10; Exchange, 8.10; First Award, 8.10; Iramoo, 8.10; Te Coma, 8.7; Robin, 8.7; Glenore, 8.7; Eurus, 8.0; King Arthur, 8.0; Waterwitch, 7.12; Brighton, 7.12; Dawn, 7.12; Scamp, 7.12; Glentana, 7.7; Alaska, 7.7; Statesman, 7.7.

G. VOWLES, Handicapper.

BALLAN WEIGHTS.

Ballan Handicap. Eight furlongs.—Oriel, 9.7; John Bright, 9.7; Battalion, 9.0; Take All, 9.0; Mention, 8.10; All Alone, 8.0; Pupil, 7.7; Tim Ring, 7.0; Millbrook, 7.0; Linda B., 6.7.

Hurdle Race. One mile and a half.—Dandy Dick, 12.7; The Thane, 12.0; Samphire, 12.0; Hands Up, 11.10; Reola, 11.10; Sea Breeze, 11.7; Fairy, 11.7; Mention, 11.7; All Alone, 11.4; Rouge-et-Noir, 10.7; Millbrook, 10.0; No Name, 9.7; Hussar, 9.7; Elingamite, 9.0.

Flying Stakes. Five furlongs.—Meprise, 9.7; Reola, 9.0; Wallace Girl, 9.0; Auracia, 9.0; Mention, 8.11; Nick of the Woods, 8.7; Ragamuffin, 8.2; Vivacity, 7.7; White Sod, 7.7; Linda B., 6.7; Gembrook, 6.7.

Pony Race. Five furlongs.—Brownie, 9.5; Rasee, 9.0; Sweet Water, 8.7; Jimmy, 8.7; Lady Grey, 8.0; Annie, 8.0; No Name, 8.0; Little Nell, 8.0; Minnie, 7.7; Killarney, 6.10.

POLO.

Melbourne Polo Club.—Melbourne v. Colac.—This match will take place to-day, play starting at half-past 3, instead of 3 o'clock. Trains for Moonee Ponds leave Flinders-street at 2 o'clock and 2.25 p.m.

CRICKET.

DINNER TO MR. HARRY TROTT.

The members of the South Melbourne Cricket Club intend giving a welcome home to Mr. Harry Trott, the captain of the Australian Eleven, in the pavilion, on Friday evening.

M.C.C. (non-players) v. Kew Asylum, takes place to-day, on the M.C.C. ground, at half-past 11 a.m.

Caulfield Jockeys and Trainers v. Lancefield.—This match will take place to-morrow, at Lancefield. Trainers and Jockeys—King, Bence, Buck, Rise, Firebrace (capt.), Colley, Carter, Ameson, Kirby, Carroll, Tonghra. Train leaves Spencer-street 6.40 a.m.

Boyle and Scott's Cup.—A meeting of the cup committee was held at the Hotel Metropole, Bourke-street, on Tuesday evening. The Camberwell-Brunswick protest was awarded to Camberwell. The following is the result of the fourth draw:—Capulet v. Camberwell, at Victoria-park; umpires, Harvey and Weste. Northcote v. Brunswick, at Croxton-park; umpires, Flowers and Ryder. Richmond City, a bye.

BOWLS.

Mr. F. J. Dillon's (President of the Fitzroy Bowling Club) Trophies.—The fifth draw will be played this afternoon, at quarter-past 4 o'clock. Hawthorn v. Collingwood, Hawthorn v. Richmond Union, Port Melbourne v. Richmond Union, Moonee Ponds v. Carlton, Fitzroy v. M.C.C.

THE NATION MEMORIAL TABLET.

Bowlers and friends of the late Mr. Walter Nation are invited to attend the Richmond Union Bowling Club on January 16, to witness the ceremony of unveiling his memorial tablet, which will be performed by Mr. S. Nathan, chairman of the fund, at half-past 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. prior to the ceremony, a scratch match will be played, sides to be chosen from all bowlers present at that time.

"IN BRIGHTEST AFRICA."

STORY OF A DELUDED MAN.

("CAPE TIMES," NOV. 11.)

James Wilks writes:—

For some years I lived in a small town in the South of England, where I married, and although in constant work I did not earn too much money, but I never knew what it was to want a piece of bread. One day a friend of mine told me that a man just come from Africa was going to lecture on "In Brightest Africa." I went. Would to God I had stayed at home. This man, dressed up in the latest style, with diamond rings, and a huge gold watch and chain, reeled off his lies, telling us that the Transvaal was a grand country, and that anybody, if he would work, could get plenty to do and earn good wages.

AT THE HOME FIRESIDE.

I went home to my wife, and we talked the matter over nearly the whole night, with the result that I set about getting the money together to go out to the Transvaal, and in due course took passage and arrived in Cape Town. I did not stay there, but left for Johannesburg the same night, arriving some four days afterwards, to be met with disappointment on every hand. There were hundreds of men idle, willing to work, but unable to get anything to do. My money—it was not much—very quickly went, and I was forced to beg; and, my God! the agony of mind that I was in, it was almost maddening.

ALONE ON THE RAND.

Here was I, penniless, homeless, friendless, a beggar, and my poor wife and child, perhaps starving, 6,000 miles away from me. Oh! if the scoundrel who deluded me into coming to this country were near me, I could have killed him without any hesitation—the brute. Staying in Johannesburg seemed impossible, so I started to tramp back to Cape Town. Oh, that weary tramp, I will never forget it, never! However, I did reach Cape Town, and set myself to get some work. This was almost as hard as Johannesburg. I did manage to get a few shillings, and this was soon spent in food, and at nights I slept in the bush off the Dock-road. This kept on for eight or ten nights, when my condition became so unbearable that I determined to end it by jumping off the quay.

RESCUED IN TIME.

So I went down towards the docks, where I was hailed by a man in a thick overcoat and fur cap, who said, "I say, mister, where are you sleeping to-night?" I replied (thinking that he was another poor devil like myself) that "this d—— country won't let an honest man live, let alone sleep." "But," said he, "if you come with me I'll give you a place to sleep, and see in the morning if I can get you something to do." The remembrance of my wife and child decided me, and I went with him to the Salvation Army Shelter. There I found that my benefactor was Mr. Turner, the superintendent of the institution. I will ever remember with the deepest feelings of gratitude the kindness I experienced from Mr. Turner and his fellow workers. The next day I got work, which lasted a week. During this time I did my best to get on board ship, and work my passage home. Fortunately I succeeded, and I have in a few days on board a sailing ship, and if ever that lying scoundrel who lectured on "In Brightest Africa" crosses my path woe betide him. I trust, Mr. Editor, that you will find space for the foregoing, and that it will prove a warning to young men not to act too hastily in coming out to brightest Africa.

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At Caulfield Court-house, on Saturday, the 20th day of February, 1897, at 10 a.m., for the Caulfield East Division of the Electoral District of Eastern Suburbs, and the Southern Division of the Electoral District of Toorak.
At Malvern Court-house, on Monday, the 15th day of February, 1897, at 10 a.m., for the Malvern and Armadale Divisions of the Electoral District of Toorak, and the Malvern East Division of the Electoral District of Eastern Suburbs.
At Oakleigh Court-house, on Saturday, the 13th day of February, 1897, at 10 a.m., for the Oakleigh Division of the Electoral District of Dandenong and Berwick.
Dated at Malvern the 4th day of January, 1897.
A. ALDRIDGE KELLEY, Clerk of the Said Revision Courts.

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Applications must be lodged with the secretary not later than 11 a.m. on Monday, 11th January, 1897.
GEO. A. GIBBS, Secretary.
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By order of the board.
THOS. VASEY, Secretary.

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Section 9, Water Act 1890, No. 1156.
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W. H. GEYLE, Secretary.
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GEO. A. GIBBS, Secretary.
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