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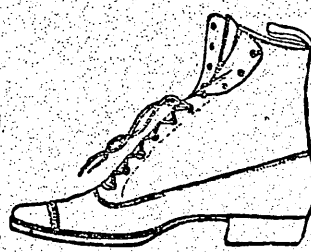
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GEO. B. HAINES.
P.S.—Just found account enclosed, please find Cheque with exchange added, I have crossed it so don't send receipt.—G. B. H.

THE WILD RIVER TIMES.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901.

Methodist Church.—The Rev. W. F. Greenwood will conduct divine service at Herberton at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. on Sunday next. Sunday School at 3 p.m.

Police Court.—Before Thos. Rose and J. Stewart Berge, Esqrs., J.P.s.—Decr. 28: James Golden, charged with wife desertion in New South Wales, was discharged. Before the P.M.—January 2: An inebriate was discharged.

Church of England.—Irvinebank, Sunday 6th January, Matins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7.30 p.m. Herberton, Sunday 6th January, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins, 9.30 a.m.; Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Children's Service, 3 p.m. Evensong, 7.30 p.m.

The Einsleigh Freehold Copper Mines Limited.—Mr. T. Sharpe, Acting Manager, sends us the Mine Manager's report for the fortnight ending 11th December, 1900—1201f Orescut East.—The face of this crosscut is now in 131 feet 6 inches from the shaft, in good working ground, 170ft Orescut East.—The face is now in 38 feet 6 inches from the shaft in hard dry ground; the flow of water, which has been steadily decreasing for some time past, has now ceased to flow in the crosscut, but 2500 gals per hour are now making in the main shaft. Open Cut.—Ore raised for the fortnight, 44 tons; total now on hand, 2823 tons. Work has now ceased in the open cut, owing to the close approach of the rainy season. Work in connection with the erection of the smelting plant and other works is being pushed on, and large stocks of firewood and charcoal have been accumulated. Locally the weather is hot and dry, the only rain being occasional thunderstorms. Teamsters coming in report scarcity of feed and water, and are travelling very slowly, and then they carry only small loads.

Warden's Court.—Before Mr Warden Haldane.—Jan. 3: Adjourned Sitting.—The application for mining lease No. 1717 was recommended. The following applications for minor's homestead leases were adjourned till the 10th instant. Ordinary Sitting.—The following applications for mining leases were adjourned till the 10th instant. The following applications for six months' extension were also dealt with, viz: Nos. 1641, 1642, 1644, 1645, 1649, 1719, 1720, and 1718, adjourned; Nos. 593 and 594, withdrawn. The following claim has been taken out and registered since our last viz, P. A. Quinn, "The Annie," a Sawyer's Creek, about two miles East of the Tate Township.

Our Federation Display.—The motto ribbons used in connection with our Federal display as streamers across the street and also in the Hall, were painted in artistic colors and lettering by our local sign writer and house decorator, Mr. George Cooper. The mottoes were as follows:—"Birth—This day, 1st January, 1901, the wife of John Bull, of a Daughter (Australia). Both doing well." "Hail, Queen of the Southern Seas." "Six Nations in One." "Bail me Queensland, altogether Australian." "Advance, Federated Australia." "God Save the Queen." The ribbons looked extremely pretty, but, unfortunately, they had not been very long in place before they were gracefully floating upside down.

Catholic Church.—Mass will be celebrated at Atherton on Sunday next.
Rain at Mount Garnet.—Two inches and 25 points of rain have fallen at Mount Garnet since Thursday last, and there is every indication of a far greater fall to-morrow.

The Alteration in Mails' Time-table.—The alteration in the arrival and departure of mails necessitates our altering our day of publication. We purpose, as an experiment, publishing our next issue on Friday morning ensuing.

Prices of Beef.—Messrs. Munro, Gordon and Co. have requested us to notify that from the 1st instant, their prices for Prime Beef—clean and well-cut joints—has been 5d and 6d per lb.

A True Snake Yarn.—We can vouch for the veracity of the following narrative.—On Sunday last Mr. Jos. Thomas, of the Carrington Steam Sawmills was driving from Mount Garnet to Herberton. When about 4 miles from the Hot Springs he was startled by something apparently thrown at him falling on the floor of the vehicle. His first idea was that some practical joker had thrown a small gaudy root at him from the side of the road. However, he was quickly disabused of that impression on observing a brown object squirting at his feet, which he quickly recognised to be a cobra snake about 3ft long. It is needless to say he lost no time in making his exit from the trap, which he did by jumping out and landing on his head. After he recovered from the concussion of his fall, the cobra, which was on his head, had unconsciously proceeded on his way with the snake as sole occupant. By a run of over a mile he overtook the trap, but the snake was not to be seen. He now accounts for the incident thus:—His reaction the snake must have given one of the spokes of the wheel and at an opportune evolution of the latter he was flung into the trap. He now laughs at the circumstance, but has no desire to again experience a similar one.

Quarterly Licensing Court.—Before the P.M. and W. R. Dorr, Esq., J.P.—January 2: The following applications were dealt with:—Transfers—Joseph Hales, Commercial Hotel, Irvinebank, to Sydney Ramage, adjourned for one week for production of the license; Oscar Marchant, Sportsman's Arms Hotel, Chillagoe, to Alfred Crossway, adjourned for one week for production of the license. New Licenses—John Hales, Plover Hotel, junction of Montalban roads, adjourned for one week for inspection; Thomas Carroll, Royal Hotel, 73-mile railway, Chillagoe, adjourned for one week; Peter Byrne, Exchange Hotel, Chillagoe, struck out, building not commenced; Joseph Copelin, Federal Hotel, Mount Garnet, struck out and fresh applications to be lodged for April Court; John Langtree, Mining Exchange Hotel, Montalban, adjourned for one week; George Williams, for premises at Chillagoe, struck out, no building yet started; apply again at April Court; Christopher Miller, premises at Chillagoe, granted; Agnes Stanfield, New View Hotel, Tate Tin Mines, adjourned for one week. Provisional Certificates—Peter Byrne, premises at Chillagoe, adjourned for one week; George Williams, premises at Chillagoe, adjourned for one week; Thomas Carroll, premises at 73-mile, Chillagoe, adjourned for one week. Renewal of Billiard Licenses—Thomas Dillon, the Pinnacles to Lappa Junction, withdrawn. A transfer of a Billiard License was granted from James H. Dillon to Thomas Dillon, Garnet Junction Hotel. Auctioneers' Licenses—James Arbourn, Irvinebank, and John Coxall, Mount Garnet.

Christmas and New Year's Day at Carrington.
A good day's sport was run through here on Boxing Day, winding up with a dance at Mr. Williams' Hotel in the evening. The dance was packed and the music was supplied by Messrs. J. McGregor and J. Purcell with violins. Mr. R. Martin an accordion, and Mr. W. C. Gordon, from Cairns, at the piano, who all gave immense satisfaction, while Mr. A. J. McGroff officiated as M.C. in his usual pleasant style. At midnight refreshments, consisting of tea and coffee, cakes and sandwiches were served by willing hands, and great praise is due to Miss M. W. for the pains she took to entertain the visitors from the surrounding country.

On Friday, December 21st, the bachelors of the Barron Valley gave their first ball, and it was a marked success. The hall was very tastefully decorated with flowers and the dancers present, a number of about 60, kept up a merry time till daylight appeared. The stage was artistically arranged with small tables, at which a very sumptuous supper was served, the arrangements of which reflect the greatest credit on the caterer, Mr. McGroff. The music was supplied by Mrs. Taylor, Misses M. Williams and Olive Lynch, and Mr. J. Purcell. Miss Shobridge sang "Girly Girly" very nicely, and Mrs. Brazier sang "Mary of Argyle," and responded to the encore with "Robin Adair." Mr. J. Martin sang "Luggage Van Ahead," and Mr. McGroff gave a song, which was well received. Mrs. Brazier kindly lent her piano for the occasion. Although it was a Plain and Fancy Dress Ball there were not many fancy dresses. Miss M. Thomas, a forget-me-not, securing the general verdict as "Best of the Ball." Mr. W. B. Kelly, on behalf of the ladies, thanked the bachelors for the pleasant evening and the great pains they had gone to. When the "silver" of that evening came round he hoped to see a number of the new single men running in double harness. Mr. George Williams, on behalf of the bachelors, responded, and thanked Mr. Kelly for saying such pleasant things. He also thanked the musicians for their efforts. It is suggested that the ladies of the Valley should return the compliment to the bachelors during the next season.

Picnic and Sports at West Herberton.

The following are the events and results of the Picnic held at West Herberton on New Year's Day:—

Boys' Race, from 6 to 8 years, 50 yards—1st prize 4s, 2nd 2s, 3rd 1s. Bunty Newell 1st, Alfred Camp 2nd, W. Molloy 3rd.

Girls' Race, from 6 to 8 years, 50 yards—1st prize 4s, 2nd 2s, 3rd 1s. Kitty Farley 1st, Elsie Pasley 2nd, Goodie Sloan 3rd.

Boys' Race, from 8 to 10 years, 75 yards—1st prize 6s, 2nd 3s, 3rd 1s. Jno. McHugh 1st, Ivo Dilgh 2nd, A. Pasley 3rd.

Girls' Race, from 8 to 10 years, 75 yards—1st prize 6s, 2nd 3s, 3rd 1s. Nancy Farley 1st, May Brean 2nd, May Sloan 3rd.

Boys' Race, from 10 to 12 years, 75 yards—1st prize 7s 6d, 2nd 3s, 3rd 1s. John McDonald 1st, Willie Newell 2nd, Herbert Molloy 3rd.

Girls' Race, from 10 to 12 years, 75 yards—1st prize 7s 6d, 2nd 3s, 3rd 1s. Pat Brean 1st, Jas. Farley 2nd, Joe Brean 3rd.

Boys' Race, from 12 to 14 years, 100 yards—1st prize 7s 6d, 2nd 3s, 3rd 1s. Jno. McDonald 1st, Willie Newell 2nd, Herbert Molloy 3rd.

Girls' Race, from 12 to 14 years, 100 yards—1st prize 7s 6d, 2nd 3s, 3rd 1s. Pat Brean 1st, Jas. Farley 2nd, Joe Brean 3rd.

Boys' Race, from 14 to 16 years, 100 yards—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, 3rd 2s. R. Haldane and J. Sloan divided 1st and 2nd prizes, H. Evans 3rd.

Girls' Race, from 14 to 16 years, 100 yards—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, 3rd 2s. Rose White 1st, Lizzie Carrick 2nd, Kate McNamee 3rd.

High Jump, Boys 12 and under—1st prize 4s, 2nd 1s. McDonald, 5ft 10in, 1st, Willie Newell 2nd.

High Jump, Girls 12 and under—1st prize 4s, 2nd 1s. Dolly Sloan, 3ft 5in, 1st, Mary Jane Farley 2nd.

High Jump, Boys from 12 to 16 years—1st prize 4s, 2nd 1s. Percy Muzlin, 4ft 2in, 1st, Jim Sloan 2nd.

High Jump, Girls from 12 to 16 years—1st prize 4s, 2nd 1s. Rose White, 3ft 5in, 1st, Pasley and Carrick divided 2nd prize.

Kicking the Football—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, entry 6d. Burke, 148ft, 5in, 1st, Tawse, 146ft, 2nd, Anderson, 142ft, 2nd.

Breaking the Jue (blindfold)—1st prize 10s, entry 6d. Muzlin, Carrick, and Arbour divided.

Commonwealth Handicap, 130 yards—1st prize 30s, 2nd 10s, 3rd 5s. Nomination 1s, acceptance 6d. Carrick 1st, Graham 2nd, Bimrose 3rd.

High Jump—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, entry 6d. Fred Bimrose, 4ft 10in, 1st, A. Anderson 2nd.

Putting the Stone (Scottish style)—1st prize 10s, entry 6d. Pat Brean and Feehan 1st, Browne 2nd, Anderson 3rd.

Old Buffers' Handicap, 75 yards—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, entry 6d. Allison 1st, Feehan 2nd, Kyle 3rd.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, entry 6d. A. Anderson 1st, Johnson 2nd.

Quoit Match, 18 yards—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, entry 6d. W. P. Coop 1st, T. Bimrose 2nd.

Three-Legged Race—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, entry 6d. Pat Brean and Madigan 1st, Shadforth and Graham 2nd.

Running Long Jump—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, entry 6d. A. Anderson, 16ft 10in, 1st, Graham, 16ft 9in, 2nd.

Consolation Handicap, 100 yards—1st prize 10s, 2nd 5s, entry 6d. Graham 1st, Bimrose 2nd, Pasley 3rd.

Mail Alterations.
A most enthusiastic public meeting, held under the auspices of the Divisional Board, was held yesterday forenoon for the purpose of considering the alterations made in the mail services. Mr. Masterson presiding.

It was Mr. C. Ringrose, in the course of a concise speech, in which he dispassionately weighed the pros and cons of the question, proposed—

"That the Government be asked by wire to despatch mails from Herberton to Mt. Garnet twice a week; if possible to fit in with the stations and George's Road."

Mr. Masterson said that, according to the present alteration, a mail living 10 or 15 miles away, who wished to transact business in Herberton, could do so much more speedily by walking into the town with the letter in his pocket.

Mr. Alden Sykes said that the present alterations did not allow of the public receiving their mails earlier. Papers leaving Herberton for a portion of the mail route he used to run, would be nine days late when received. That was not to be wondered at when it was taken into consideration that a letter of a man who lived, say, 50 miles away would have to travel a distance of 200 miles before it reached him.

Mr. Ringrose said he thought the alteration was chiefly due to the Irvinebank agitation to have the mails taken that way. It was very questionable, though, that if in the wet weather they would be able to get the coach from Irvinebank to Coolgarra via the Pinnacles.

Several others present spoke on the subject. Mr. Holway seconded the motion, which, upon being put to the meeting, was declared carried unanimously.

It was decided that a petition had been got up by certain residents of Atherton, and was in progress of signature, having for its object a deviation of the proposed Atherton line; also that a counter petition had been formed in Herberton, which members present were asked to sign, which was done.

Mr. Alden proposed, Mr. R. Gordon seconded, and it was carried—

"That a Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Masterson, Ringrose, Anderson, Ledlie, and Holway be appointed to look into the matter of the mail service between Herberton and Cairns, and to act as they deemed fit."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman then terminated the meeting.

The following is the text of the telegram despatched to the Hon. the Postmaster-General:—

"Large public meeting unanimously resolved to request you to instruct Postmaster General to arrange a weekly mail from Cairns to Mt. Garnet via the Pinnacles, to be in with Station and George's Road. Great injustice done to a large community by stoppage this mail. Respectfully submit you urgent request be made by wire, as matter is urgent. JOHN MASTERTON, Chairman, Herberton Divisional Board."

RESULT OF CARRINGTON STAKES—THE AYR MURDER.
The Carrington Stakes were run on Saturday last and resulted in a win for Fulminator, with Gambley second and Jenny Moore third.

Six kanakas and one aboriginal have been charged on suspicion of being connected with the Ayr murder. It is stated that none can give satisfactory accounts of their movements, though some were discovered washing blood-stained clothing.

January 1.
FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT—FEDERAL CELEBRATIONS.
The New Factories and Shops Act comes into immediate operation, but in the Brisbane districts only for the present. The most radical change is the providing the closing of shops and factories at one o'clock on Saturdays.

The Brisbane streets have been gaily decorated, several arches being formed. Jan. 2. Thousands of people thronged the Brisbane streets yesterday to witness the procession of the military and Friendly Societies, but not much enthusiasm was displayed.

Many of the buildings were decorated, and generally speaking the display was a disappointing one.

A number of the churches held Thanksgiving Services, whilst during the day bands played in the Botanic Gardens, which was brilliantly illuminated at night, when a fireworks display was given.

The celebrations reported from most of the country places took the form of processions, spritz samplings and fireworks.

SIR SAMUEL GRIFFITH A PRIVY COUNCILLOR AND MR. DICKSON A K.C.M.G.—THE AYR MURDER.
A message has been received from the Queen appointing Sir Samuel Griffith a Privy Councillor, and Mr. Dickson a K.C.M.G.

Three of the kanakas who were arrested in connection with the Ayr murder have confessed murdering with tomahawks. Jan. 3.

THE REVENUE.
The Revenue for last month shows a decrease of over £41,000 when compared with the corresponding month of last year. For the past six months the Expenditure has exceeded the Revenue by over £77,000.

January 5.
The Presbyterians of Toowoomba have nominated the Rev. Mr. Gibson of Mackay, for the position of Moderator at the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

teers for South Africa are coming in freely both at Hobart and Adelaide.

SYDNEY, December 31.
HORRIBLE MURDER—FEDERAL MINISTRY.
The decomposed body of a man named Birch was found on Friday morning in Market Square, Sydney. The man had apparently been murdered by being choked or smothered, evidently for the sake of £30 which he was known to have been possessed of.

Mr. Barton waited upon Lord Hopetoun last night, announcing the constitution of his Federal Ministry as follows:—Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Barton; Attorney-General, Mr. Deakin; Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Lyne; Treasurer, Mr. Turner; Minister for Trade and Commerce, Mr. King; Minister for Defence, Mr. Dickson; Postmaster-General, Sir John Forrest. The Ministry is to be sworn in on Tuesday. Jan. 1.

DISASTROUS FIRE—FEDERAL FESTIVITIES.
The bulk bonded stores of David Cohen and Company, of Newcastle, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The stores were the largest outside of Sydney, and the loss is estimated at £25,000.

The streets along which the procession was to pass this morning was a blaze of colour, with much greenery, but the heavy showers which fell last night caused the colours to run and otherwise had a disastrous effect. Jan. 2.

SWEEPING IN OF LORD HOPETOUN—MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN—RESULT OF TATTERSALL'S CUP.
Over half-a-million of people took part in the Federal demonstrations in Sydney yesterday. The enthusiasm was everywhere unbounded, the streets containing a solid mass of human beings.

The procession which comprised the military, Friendly Societies, the Judiciary, Premiers, Mayors, Lieutenant-Governors and many others, moved off at half-past ten o'clock, the Governor General being last of all, but in the place of honor.

There was one continuous roar of excitement and admiration from one end of the procession to the other, but the greeting accorded to Lord Hopetoun was the greatest of all, he being cheered again and again, receiving a great ovation.

Nearly ten thousand of the military took part in the demonstration and lined the streets as Lord Hopetoun entered the gates of the Centennial Park, whilst the New South Wales artillery fired a salute of nineteen guns.

A brilliant assemblage gathered in the pavilion, which was reached at about 20 minutes to 1 o'clock.

A united choir of a thousand voices sang the well-known hymn, "Oh God, our Help in ages past," after which a prayer for the Commonwealth was recited and then the Lord's Prayer, in which Lord Hopetoun and the distinguished company joined.

Sir Frederick Darley, Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales, administered the oath of office to Lord Hopetoun, who in turn administered the oaths of office to the Federal Ministers, including Messrs O'Connor and Lewis, Ministers without portfolio.

Messages of greeting were read from Queen Victoria, the Imperial Government and many others.

Three cheers were then given for Lord Hopetoun, after which ten thousand school children sang the specially composed song "Federated Australia," which in turn was followed by the "Tattersall's Cup" song, sung by a thousand adult voices.

The combined choirs then sang the National Anthem, and the immense gathering dispersed. A heavy shower of rain fell in the afternoon and also in the morning, but did not interrupt the demonstrations.

Decorations thronged the streets at night, when the city was beautifully illuminated with electric lights, coloured lamps, chains of greenery and garlands from the florists, Sydney wearing an aspect of glory, of which never before had she been able to boast.

In the evening a State banquet was held, and passed off pleasantly and successfully. Tattersall's Cup was won by Spokhaki, with Nevermore second and Lavogue third.

[SPECIAL FROM W. S. DOWELL.]
The Commonwealth was inaugurated yesterday amid storms of unparalleled splendour and magnificence.

It is estimated that not less than a quarter of a million people were present at the Centennial Park, witnessing the ceremonies of swearing in the Governor-General and his Ministers. The glitter of uniforms and variety of colour among the troops completed a spectacle at once dazzling and imposing.

Twelve thousand soldiers, Colonial and Imperial, took part in the parade. Ten thousand children sang hymns, and the children of the Catholic schools chanted harmoniously.

Amid scenes of unbounded enthusiasm the great procession wound its way from College Street, through the city, and into the Centennial Park.

Great order prevailed throughout. The ceremonies were imposing and brilliant, and in the opinion of many competent to judge, had never been surpassed in any part of the world.

The Commonwealth festivities were continued yesterday, the Highland gathering, swimming carnival, fire brigades' display, conversation in the Town Hall and the military tattoo all being well attended and proving very successful.

At night the city was again illuminated, great crowds again being in the streets.

The Commonwealth festivities were continued in Sydney yesterday. A military and naval review was held in the Centennial Park, and included the Imperial, Indian and Australian troops. Tremendous enthusiasm was shown, it being estimated that fully 150,000 spectators were present on the ground.

A school children's gathering was held in the Cricket Ground, 10,000 children being present. A complete demonstration took place in the Town Hall, the leading men of all the States being present. The Federal Premier and others spoke, the occasion being an oratorical feast.

A cycling carnival was commenced in the evening, when the city was again illuminated and a fireworks display given.

Mr. Barton, speaking last night on the Customs duties, said that no alteration could take place until the Federal Parliament had passed an Act to that effect. He intimated the date of the Federal Elections, and declared that his policy would be settled next week.

[SPECIAL FROM W. S. DOWELL.]
The great military spectacle, which comprised the flower of the British, Indian, Australian and New Zealand troops, numbering 10,000, were yesterday reviewed by the Governor-General, Lord Hopetoun, in the presence of 150,000 to 200,000 people at the Centennial Park.

The day was fine, and a more glorious spectacle and splendid demonstration of the military might of the British Empire has never been witnessed in the Queen's dominions.

The cavalry, which included Life Guards, Dragoons and Hussars, were a magnificent body of horsemen, and were greeted with

thunders of applause as they advanced with helmets and cuirasses sparkling in the sun.

The New South Wales Lancers, who came next in the parade, made a very brave show with their fluttering pennants, and many of the Lancers were in some respects equal to the Imperial troops. The men rode admirably and great applause greeted them.

The Indian Contingent, in their gorgeous uniforms and trappings, took the people by storm as they rode along dignified and commanding.

The wiry, emu-feathered Queenslanders and the smart contingent of New Zealanders were the recipients of much public favour.

The Imperial Foot Guards, which included the Grenadiers, Coldstream, Scotch and Irish, completed the splendid contingent of Guards.

The brave old Buffs and Light Infantry, with the Fusiliers, Fighting Fifth and Faugh-a-Ballahs, all shaped splendidly, and with their comrades, the Black Watch and other Highlanders, received great applause and cheering.

The Federal troops of the Colonies, including our returned warriors from South Africa, received a great ovation, and the Imperial Naval Brigades wound up the procession.

The stately pageant was picturesque, animated and brilliant, and when General Wyndham gave the order to salute, the massed bands played "God Save the Queen" and the spectacle presented was surprisingly grand.

The function ended amid tumultuous cheering. Jan. 5.

A young man named Maurice Thurlpill, who, in company with others, was creating a disturbance in the city early yesterday morning. A policeman attempted to make an arrest, when all the young men fled. The policeman went in chase, and eventually fired his revolver. Later on, Thurlpill was found sitting under a house and bleeding from a bullet wound. He is in a critical condition.

An strike occurred at several of the Newcastle collieries, a thousand men being affected. It is feared that this number will be considerably added to during next week.

The Commonwealth celebrations were continued yesterday, when several theatres were thrown open to the poor. A sports gathering was held in the afternoon, whilst at night the city was again illuminated and a display of fireworks given.

Tin ore is quoted in Sydney at 20s per unit.

MELBOURNE, December 31.
ANOTHER HORRIBLE MURDER.
A baker named John Edward Nash, residing at Barkly, Victoria, coming home in a bad temper on Saturday, started drinking. After exhausting his own cash, he demanded money from his wife, who said that she had none. He then cruelly assaulted her. Later on, as she still refused to supply him with money, he chased her round the yard with a gun and shot her dead. He has been arrested.

January 1.
INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET—VICTORIAN INVADERS VOLUNTEER FOR FURTHER SERVICE.
An Intercolonial Cricket Match was commenced at Melbourne yesterday between Victoria and South Australia. The Victorians in their first innings only compiled 76 runs, the bowling of Travers being most deadly. In the second innings the South Australians scored 107; the Victorians in their second innings had gained four runs without the loss of a wicket when the stumps were drawn.

January 3.
The Intercolonial Cricket, Victoria v. South Australia, was continued yesterday, when the former concluded their second innings for 446 runs. At the close of the day's play the South Australians had lost five wickets for 193 runs in their second innings.

A number of returned Victorian invalids, who have now recovered and wish to return to South Australia, called on Lord Kitchener to that effect. Lord Kitchener has replied, requesting them to return as soon as possible.

fund, chiefly to impress, in a most striking manner, upon the "Young Citizens" that they were no longer "Colonials," but members of a great nation. To all intents and purposes the day opened in Herberton at 9 o'clock in the evening of the last day of the quickly-dying Old Year, with a burst of regally lovely fireworks, and the lighting of four or five huge bonfires upon the highest peaks of the surrounding hills (these latter, we understand, were erected at the instigation, and under the immediate supervision of that energetic worker Mr. F. Barlow-Millar).

Though many gleomy predictions were indulged in, the weather, and the appearance of the sky, hidden by moisture-laden clouds, seemed to give colour to the misanthropic remarks. New Year's Day broke clear and bright, and whilst willing workers were employed at decorating the streets and other places of the town with various flags, greenstuff, &c., old Jupiter Pluvius waxed more propitious, and old Sol generally endeavored to outshine himself. We noticed a string of flags at the State School and a second batwing the Post Office and Herberton Hotels, among the latter a naval pennant signifying "1" (doubtless intended to represent the first year of the new Commonwealth). The various places of business, hotels and also private residences were adorned with contributions to the gala aspect of this City of the Hills.

At half-past 9 o'clock the School children (including those from Nigger Creek, who had been driven into the streets, and the children of the Day, Dominic Fifoot, of the Herberton State School, and marched to Moffat-street, to a spot not far from what is familiarly termed "Church Hill," where Games, &c., and Sports were indulged in by young and old until lunch was announced. Many ladies and gentlemen, whole-hearted friends of the children, had met in the Sunday School room of Holy Trinity Church on the previous afternoon, and evening, to prepare and make ready, with loving hands, the tables, &c., for that day's picnic.

At about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Newell, M.L.A., presented a commemorative medal—which had been provided by the Government—to the children on the ground as far as the medals would go; but we understand there were about eighty insufficient. The medals were firmly attached to the coats and frocks of the recipients by the nimble and kindly fingers of Misses Haldane, Newell, Rankin, and Bonar. A few more games were brought to a close with the falling of dusk. The festivities, however, were far from being ended, as a Social Concert and Dance had been provided for the delectation of the workers and others, who all thoroughly deserved the enjoyable remaining hours of the now all-too-quickly expiring day. The Hall had been tastefully decorated with the motto ribbons which had previously decorated the streets, flags, evergreens, and lastly, but by no means least, with six shields whose designs represented the six Sister Colonies, beautifully portrayed on cardboard by our local artists, Mr. Dennison. The singers excelled themselves, each and every in the programme being the very best of its kind and ably rendered. The dancing was then started, and to the music supplied by the Rev. A. N. Garrett, Misses L. and M. Haldane, Ruby McEwen and Eva Bimrose, the devotees of Terpsichore "tripped the light fantastic" till—

More sure than clock or chiming bell,
The lights of Heaven might be told.
Of the workers, there were such a host, and as each and all did his or her honest level best, individual mention would spell invidious distinction. However, everything went as merry as the proverbial wedding bells, notwithstanding the fact of the heavy programme.

Mount Garnet District Hospital.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Committee of the Mt. Garnet District Hospital was held at the Royal Hotel on Friday, 21st December, 1900, at 7 p.m.

There were present at the meeting—J. M. Potter, Esq. (President), in the Chair; J. R. Booth, Esq. (Vice-President); Messrs W. J. Kirkpatrick, J. Pollard, R. McKenzie, Geo. Waddell, W. N. Smith, T. Hope, D. J. Lucey, J. E. Balley, Geo. Seymour, Dr. Ashton Shorter, and G. B. Macdonald (Secretary).

Mr. Lucey apologised for Mr. H. Reid's absence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The correspondence was read, the outward adopted and the inward received. The letters received were from—H. Reid, Coolgarra; the matron, Mt. Garnet; W. Ramsay, Sydney; A. C. Haldane, Herberton; Watson, Ferguson & Co., Brisbane; N. A. Clowes, Mt. Garnet; Carl Zoeller, Co. Brisbane; Dr. Ashton Shorter, Mrs. McFadden, Mt. Garnet. Mrs. McFadden's letter gave notice of her desire to resign the position of cook and laundress.

The reports of the Visiting Committee and of the Building Committee were received. They showed that the Hospital is in good order; that the patients are well satisfied and attended to; and that the buildings are completed.

The report of the Finance Committee was received and accounts amounting to £184 7s. were recommended and passed for payment.

The report of the Medical Officer was received and his recommendations adopted. He states that during the month 4 in-patients had been admitted; 1 discharged; 1 transferred to Dunwich Asylum; 1 died; and there are 4 typhoid fever cases remaining at date. There have been 26 out-patients' attendances. Four emergency cases were visited outside the Hospital, viz.,—1 bullet wound to foot, 1 typhoid fever, 1 injury to ankle, 1 fractured leg. The Hospital had on two occasions a patient more than the prescribed number the building was intended for, and he anticipated the number of typhoid fever cases are almost certain to become numerous.

Mr. P. Arneson, Coolgarra, was elected a member of the General Committee and of the Visiting Committee for the current month.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the anonymous letter which appeared in the "Wild River Times" last month, asking for quarterly reports, &c.

A discussion took place relative to the admission of non-subscribers. It was pointed out that the funds of the institution were low, and measures would have to be adopted at once to meet current expenditure; that the practice of admitting non-subscribers must cease unless payment is made in advance, a case having occurred where a subscriber could not be admitted as the beds were all occupied, some of the occupants being non-subscribers, some being pay patients, and some who will probably

never pay anything. The Hospital was inaugurated to meet the requirements in cases of emergency or of accident to the employees of the Companies engaged in mining throughout the district, and to all others who subscribed £1 or more to the Hospital while in a good state of health.

The Secretary was instructed to enforce payment in advance by applicants for admission who have not a proper recommendation as laid down in Rules Nos. 24, 25, and 27.

The meeting then terminated.

To the Editor of The Wild River Times.

SIR,—I have been instructed to write you in reply to a letter which you published a month or so ago, making reference to the Finances of this Institution and its Management.

Kindly inform your anonymous correspondent that it is not the practice to issue Quarterly Reports, and that we shall issue the Report for the Half year ending 31st instant early in the new year. The monthly meetings of Committee are held, as stated in the reports you publish, in the Royal Hotel, where no secrecy could be assured, if desired, in the rooms used by the Committee. A very full report is issued of the business transacted to you and to the "North Queensland Register" monthly. The Committee have never been asked for fuller information by any subscriber without obtaining it, and if your correspondent will write me, stating exactly what he wants, I shall endeavor to assist him. The Committee invite any one who has a grievance, or desires information, to put it in writing, and address them as a whole, or myself, in preference to worrying individuals in order to secure the information or redress they want.—Yours &c.,

G. B. MACDONALD, Secretary.
Mount Garnet, 29th December, 1900.

The Cry of a Nation's Birth.

(Composed by the Rev. A. N. Garrett and recited by him at the Social at Herberton on New Year's Night.)

With the spirit our sires have taught us
Which we drew from our mother's breast;
In the pride of the heritage brought us;
With the force of a five-fold zest;
To-day, 'neath the Cross of the Southland,
Rings out to the ends of the earth
A note all of exaltation,
The cry of a Nation's Birth.

A nation, yet part of a nation,
Tied fast in affection's bands,
Bound close in the sweet relation
Which our mother's right demands;
A nation that's proud of her freedom,
Yet proud too of that love-loyal
Which binds her in filial compact
By the pledge of a plighted word.

To-day, 'neath the five stars, proudly
Australia takes her place,
Declaring her birthright loudly
As part of the British Race;
Proud of her past as a people
United in heart and hand,
Yet proud of the British blood-tie,
And her love for the Motherland.

To the men whose bones lie scattered
Through the breadth and length of the land
To the men to whom hardships mattered
But little, the pioneer band;
To the men who have gone before us
And blazed us a well-marked track,
Rings a toast with a loud-caught chorus
From the coast to the plains out back.

It is they who have cleansed the nation
From her primal stigma and stain,
The men who in mine, camp and station
Have laboured with little gain,
Yet working and struggling ever
'Till at last we their children free,
See the land of their dream endeavour
Crowned as Queen of the Southern Sea.

With the spirit our sires have taught us
Which we drew from our mother's breast;
In the pride of the heritage brought us;
With the force of a five-fold zest;
To-day, with a mighty chorus,
Rings out to the ends of the earth,
While the five-starred flag waves o'er us
The Cry of a Nation's Birth.

Herberton. —A. N. GARRETT.

Mount Garnet Races.

[By Electric Telegraph.]
The following are the results of the several events.

MAIDEN PLATE, of £6; 1 mile; w.w.f.a.
Miles-na-Coppaleen 1
Flying Handicap, of £15; 6 furlongs.
First, £12; second, £9.

Brummy 1

MINERS' PURSE (handicap post entry),
of £5; 1 mile. Nomination, 6s. For
all horses the property of bona fide
miners three months before date of
Meeting, residing within the Walsh
and Tharoo districts.

Demon 1

MOUNT GARNET CUP, of £25; 1 1/2
miles. First, £20; second, £5.

Brummy 1

HACK RACE, of £6; 6 furlongs.

Demon 1

CONSOLATION STAKES, of £9 (added
to a sweepstake of 10s each); 1 mile.

Darriwell 1

Christmas Festivities at
Irvinebank.

THIS centrally-situated, flourishing and
wealthy mining town has been en fête for
a whole week, and at the end of the bout
has come up fresh and smiling, ready,
and fully equal, to another week's frolic. On
Christmas morning the Brass Band, under
the leadership of Mr. Robert Dunne, per-
ambulated the town and serenaded the in-
habitants with delightful selections of
sacred and appropriate music, including
such numbers as "Hail Sacred Morn,"
While Shepherds Watch," &c. On
Christmas Day the town was crowded with
miners from the surrounding camp and a
real happy and enjoyable day was spent.
The town was decorated with bunting and
greenery, and the hostilities were taxed to
their utmost to provide accommodation for
their various patrons. On Wednesday the
Walsh District Amateur Turf Club held
their annual race meeting, which was car-
ried out successfully. In the evening the
School of Arts opened their new hall with a
plain and fancy dress ball, and the frolic

was well attended. The dresses were
many of them, dreams of gauzy loveliness
and altogether very becoming and appro-
priate. The central figure was Mrs. S.
Sheppard, as Britannia, who certainly
carried out her character as if to the
manner born, while among the sterner sex
Mr. Harris, as China, seemed only to have
been recently imported from Hong Kong.
Miss Kate Sheehan presided at the piano
with her customary ability, and Mr. J.
Speirs was an excellent Master of Cere-
monies. A *recherche* supper was provided
by the ladies of Irvinebank. The floor was
in splendid order and dancing was main-
tained with spirit into the "wee sma'
'coons." On Thursday night a Smoke Con-
cert was held in the Hall, when some ex-
cellent songs and recitations were rendered
and a most enjoyable evening spent by
a jovial crowd of pleasure-loving rotaries of
Bacchus. On Friday evening, young
Irvinebank had a "cut in," and it was ad-
mitted that gay though all previous func-
tions had been, this one was far and away
the most interesting. The function took
the form of a Fancy Dress Ball, for which
the kiddies had been trained by our popular
Knight of the Cleaver (Mr. J. Speirs). The
room had been decorated with bunting,
scenery, &c., and was lit with colored
lights. The scene was a fairy-like one and
the youngsters fully enjoyed the frolic the
School of Arts' subscribers had given them.
On Monday a rifle match was held, and
on Tuesday, January 1st, the Federal Flag
was hoisted and saluted at the School.
A Picnic and Athletic Sports were held on
the Recreation Reserve, and a Grand Ball
in aid of the Hospital funds was held in the
evening.

Walsh District Amateur Turf Club.

ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESIDENT: W. Clark—Vice Presidents:
Messrs W. Bennett, R. Perrott, H. Wade,
J. McInerney and A. Emanuel—Committee:
W. Rogers, J. McAlister, E. Rouse, R.
Moss, M. Butler, J. Larkins, W. Sheppard,
E. Borghero and J. P. Hodgins—Judge:
Dr. H. G. Vaughan—Starter: W. Larkins.
Clerk of Course: H. Hudson—Clerk of
Scales: R. Moss—Stewards: Messrs R.
Moss, E. Rouse and J. McAlister—Handi-
cappers for Local Races: Messrs J. P.
Hodgins, E. Rouse and J. McAlister.

The Annual Meeting of this Club was
held on the Irvinebank Race Course on
Wednesday, the 26th December, last.
Although the attendance was large, the
crowd was not as big as might have been
expected. No doubt the attractions offered
elsewhere at this festive season were too
seductive to be ignored by the frolic-loving
crowd in other parts of the district, and if
the Club are wise they will select another
month in the year, when the weather is
settled, and there are a less number of side
shows to mar the complete success of the
races, for their next Annual Meeting.

But, taking everything into consideration,
the meeting was a success, both as to the
results and attendance of spectators. The
late rains had made the Course in grand
condition, but racing men are of the
opinion that if another Race Course could
be obtained, less severe on horses' hoofs, it
would be a satisfaction to the patrons of
the "Sport of Kings." Such a Course is
obtainable in a more centrally situated
position.

The proceedings were most orderly.
Horse-owners and jockeys alike were loud
in their praise of the sportsmanlike and
complete manner in which the programme
had been got up and the various events
carried out. The decisions of the general
Judge were endorsed, and the Starter was
complimented on the manner in which he
got his fields away.

The catering was undertaken by Messrs
Stewart and Bamage, of the Commercial
Hotel, Irvinebank, and left nothing to be
desired.

For some occult reason, the Brass Band
failed to put in an appearance at this
public function, and it goes without saying
that the absence of these talented musi-
cians was very much commented on. The
consensus of the public expression of
opinion was that "it must not be allowed
to occur again."

The Police were under the charge of
Acting Sergeant Murray, but for once the
duties of these gentlemen were light, as
the crowd was one of the most orderly
that has ever attended a race meeting.

The Totalisator was under the charge of
Messrs James Tunnie and James McIntyre,
and received a fair amount of patronage.
The Races were well contested, and
of no two instances the finishes were close
and exciting; but if the Club are wise they
will in future programmes include more
races in which local horses can compete,
as by doing so they will render their
meetings increasingly popular.

Taken as a whole, this meeting was a great
success, and reflects credit on the President,
Secretary and others, who worked so har-
moniously in the interest of the Sporting
public.

Only one incident occurred to mar a
pleasant day's outing, and that was the
sudden death of Talbot, Mr. Leahy's
racehorse, which occurred on the road home
from the Course.

Subjoined are the results of the several
events:—

HANDICAP HACK RACE, of 8 sovs; second
horse 1 sov from prize; for all horses not
entered for other than Second Hack Race and
Bredies; 7 furlongs.

Mr. Bromfield's Demon, 1st 1lb (E. Thompson) 1
Mr. McIntosh's Mailboy, 2nd 1lb (E. Thompson) 2
Mr. Smith's Snip, 3rd 10lb (E. Thompson) 3

Other entries—Talbot, 5th 5lb; Glenage, 6th
1lb; Monarch, 7th 10lb; Timine, 8th 1lb; Chester,
7th. A good race. Won by half a length. Time,
1min 41 2/5 sec.

IRVINEBANK HANDICAP, of 25 sovs; second
horse 5 sovs from prize; one mile.

Mr. T. Kerr's Brummy, 9th 7lb (Costigan) 1
Mr. Flanagan's Royal Purple, 11st 12lb (Ferne) 2
Mr. Bradley's Darriwell, 7st (Begley) 3
Mr. T. Kerr's Hendon (Owner) 4

This was a good race between the first two
horses and was won by a length. The win was a
popular one, and Mr. Kerr received an ovation.
Time, 1min 58 4/5 sec.

LADIES' BRACELET, first horse, Bracelet
valued 10 sovs; second horse, Bracelet valued
3 sovs; horses to be nominated by Ladies; 5
furlongs.

Mrs. Emanuel's Ormonde II. ... (J. Needham) 1
Miss M. Wade's Darriwell ... (Begley) 2
Mrs. T. Kerr's Hendon ... (Costigan) 3
Other entries—Miss Kerr's Ship, Mi-
Franklin's Timine, Mrs. Kerr's Brummy, Mr.
McIntosh's Mailboy, Mrs. Leahy's Talbot, Mrs.
Anderson's Chester. Won easily. Time, 2min
23sec.

LOCAL HACK RACE, of £5; 7 furlongs.

Mailboy, 9st 5lb ... (Begley) 1
Talbot, 9st ... (Glenage) 2
Glenage, 8st 1lb ... (Mulligan) 3
Other entries—Pantaloons, 11st; Chester, 7st
A well-contested race. Won by two lengths. Time,
1min 44 2/5 sec.

WALSH DISTRICT AMATEUR TURF CLUB
HANDICAP, of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs
from prize; winner of Local Handicap to
carry 7lbs penalty; one mile and a half.

Mr. Flanagan's Prince Charlie, 11st 12lb

Mr. Kerr's Brummy, 9st 11lb (Costigan) 1
Mr. Bradley's Darriwell, 7st (Owner) 2
Other entries—Satan, Hendon, and Royal Purple.
Three started in this race, which was won easily.
Time, 2min 54 2/5 sec.

SECOND HANDICAP HACK RACE, of 12
sovs; second horse 2 sovs from prize; for all
horses not entered for other than First Hack
Race and Bracelet; one mile.

Ormonde II, 11st 12lb ... (S. Smith) 1
Mailboy, 9st ... (Begley) 2
Glenage, 7st

Other entries—Typhoon, 7st 2lb; Demon, 13st
Snip, 7st 2lb. The race was closely contested
throughout and was finally won by a neck. Time,
2min 5sec.

FARWELL HANDICAP, of 15 sovs; second
horse 2 sovs from prize; one mile.

Mr. Flanagan's Prince Charlie, 12st 5lb

Mr. Kerr's Brummy, 9st 5lb (Costigan) 1
Other entries—Hendon, Royal Purple and
Darriwell. Won easily. Time, 1m 58sec.

Griffith Amateur Turf Club.

The following are the results of the
various events at the Boxing Day meeting
of the above Club:—

MAIDEN PLATE, of 8 sovs. For all
horses that have never won an ad-
versized prize; once round the course;
welter w.f.a.

Mr. J. B. Anderson's Cyrie, 10st 10lb ... 1
Mr. E. O. Ferguson's Kerrima, 12st ... 2
Mr. J. Jeffcott's Bob, 10st 10lb ... 3

Other starters—Clipper and Thorne. Cyrie took
the lead leaving the straight, and showed the way to
the winning post, winning easily by a couple of
lengths.

SHORTS HANDICAP, of 5 sovs; half-
mile.

Mr. J. B. Anderson's Thyras, 11st 7lb ... 1
Mr. E. O. Ferguson's Kerrima, 12st ... 2
Mr. O. Kie's Olivet, 10st ... 3

Olivet took the lead and maintained her position
till passing the 4-mile post, where Thyras—who got
a very bad start—shot to the front and won as she
liked.

CHILLAGOE HANDICAP, of 8 sovs;
second horse to receive 1 sov from prize; one mile.

Mr. H. Shea's Silverpaw, 14st ... 1
Mr. E. H. Atherton's Fireworks, 11st 7lb ... 2

HACK RACE, of 5 sovs. For all horses
not nominated during the meeting;
once round the course.

Mr. C. Andrews's Budgeters, 10st 6lb ... 1
Mr. B. Shea's Jessie, 11st ... 2
Mr. E. O. Ferguson's Pardon, 11st ... 3

Jessie took the lead and looked like an easy
winner till within 100 yards of the winning post,
when she swerved from the inside running and let
Budgeters beat her by half a dozen lengths.

GRIFFITH AMATEUR TURF CLUB
HANDICAP, of 17 sovs; second horse
to receive 2 sovs from prize; one
and a half miles.

Mr. J. B. Anderson's Thyras, 10st 7lb ... 1
Mr. E. H. Atherton's Fireworks, 11st ... 2
Mr. H. Shea's Silverpaw, 14st 7lb ... 3

Other starters—Kerrima, 12st; Lady Ethel, 11st
6lb.

HURRY SCURRY, of 4 sovs; half-mile.

Mr. Shea's Jessie ... 1

CONSOLATION HANDICAP, of 4 sovs;
for all beaten horses during the meet-
ing; once round the course.

Mr. J. Jeffcott's Bob, 10st ... 1
Mr. W. Ferguson's Clipper, 10st ... 2

A splendid race.

Cricket.

This following are the scores in the Cricket Match
between Herberton and Mount Garnet played on
the 23rd ultimo:—

Herberton.

1st Innings. 2nd Innings.

J. R. Allison, b. H. T. J. R. Allison, b.

Smith ... 16 White ... 6

H. Cross, b. W. Bennett ... 6

E. Lewis, b. H. T. J. R. Allison, b.

Smith ... 0 White ... 5

Smith ... 1 E. J. Lewis, b. Todd ... 4

J. M. Holloway, b. J. M. Holloway, c. and

W. Bennett ... 11 b. Todd ... 20

W. K. Donald, st. W. G. Graham, b.

Russell, b. Smith ... 10 Todd ... 0

W. G. Graham, b. W. K. Donald, c. and

Bennett ... 3 b. Russell ... 1

J. H. Brownlee, b. J. H. Brownlee, b.

Smith ... 0 Todd ... 0

T. Condon, not out. 2 H. Haldane, not out.

H. Haldane, c. Coxall, G. H. MacFarlane, b.

b. Smith ... 2 Russell ... 0

G. H. MacFarlane, b. E. C. Wright, b.

not out ... 6 Russell ... 0

E. C. Wright, b. Bennett ... 12

son, b. Bennett ... 1 Wide balls ... 2

Byes ... 1

Total ... 53 Total ... 65

Mr. GARNETT.

1st Innings. 2nd Innings.

Todd, c. Allison, b. Shiel, not out ... 35

Brownlee, b. Shiel, not out ... 21

A. Steel, b. Lewis ... 0

Bennett, b. Brownlee ... 0

Coxall, b. Lewis ... 1

McKenzie, b. Smith ... 0

Benson, run out ... 0

Russell, c. and b. Lewis ... 12

Smith, b. Graham ... 14

White, b. Graham ... 6

Shadforth, not out ... 6

Triplett, c. Condon, b. Graham ... 0

Byes ... 7

Total ... 63 Total ... 58

Orders from persons at a distance, unless accom-
panied by remittances, will not be attended to.

Irvinebank Federation Sports.

On the 1st January the Irvinebank children
assembled at the State School, where the celebrated
Bras Band played "God Save the Queen" to the
unfurling of the Federal Flag, then they marched
to the Recreation Ground, after which the dis-
tribution of medals to the children, numbering
about 130, was proceeded with; and as the supply
of medals was insufficient, a few toddlers were most
disappointed at not receiving any. The grounds
had been previously laid out, and a suitable per-
manent pavilion erected, and everything went off
well. The following are the results of the sports:—

COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP, 1st prize, 24 10s;
2nd prize, £1; 150 yards; 22 nominations—
G. Davis, 1; J. Murrane, 2; Phil Murphy, 3.

QUOTR HANDICAP, of £1 10

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION FOR MINING LEASE.

THIS is to certify, that the undermentioned person has made application this day for a lease, under the Mining Regulations, of ground known as "The Hopeston Extended" (No. 1780), containing 14 acres, situate near Coolgarra, about 4 miles North-west of Return Creek, commencing at a peg marked H.G., at the North-eastern corner of mineral lease No. 1695, "The Federated," and on the Southern boundary of mineral lease No. 1708, "The Governor Hopeston;" thence North-easterly 14 chains along the said boundary of mineral lease No. 1708 to the South-eastern corner of said lease; thence South-easterly 10 chains; thence South-westerly 14 chains to the corner of lease No. 1695; thence North-westerly 10 chains to the point of commencement, surrounding and including surrendered lease No. 1696, "The Hopeston Extended," and L. White's claim.

HERBERT GILES.

By his Attorney—JOHN M. HOLWAY.

Application and objections thereto, if any, will be heard at the Warden's Court, Herbarton, on the 7th February, 1901.

Given under my hand, at Herbarton, this 29th day of December, 1900.

E. BURKE,

pro Mining Registrar.

Our Sydney Letter.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE first outward and visible sign of the new regime so rapidly approaching was the official landing and reception of the Governor-General on Saturday. A very sick man, unfortunately, is Lord Hopetoun, but very much prouder and more gratified than sick. For there was no mistaking the ring of hearty and cordial welcome in the whole of the proceedings, whether voiced by the properly appointed representatives of the people, or by the many-headed themselves. His Excellency was made to feel that he was coming to a people who are glad to see him, who are pleased at the selection which has been made, and whose present mood at any rate, is to do all that may reasonably be done to crown his administration with the most unequivocal success. Everything went off smoothly and without a hitch. The police arrangements were effective, and not a single casualty was reported. All concerned are to be congratulated, and if Saturday's proceedings can be regarded as an omen of those which are to take place on New Year's day all will be well. It will not do, however, to be too confident. Great as was the concourse of people on Saturday it was nothing to what may be expected a fortnight hence. The banks and shops remained open, there was no public holiday, and the crowd in the streets, moreover, was considerably reduced by the large numbers who went down the harbor in the big fleet of steamers which met the Royal Arthur outside. "Swearing-in day" will be a close holiday. All the proceedings will be on shore. Trains from North, South and West will be choked with passengers from the other colonies and from New South Wales, and steamships from the old country and New Zealand will be adding their quota also. There will be such a congestion as has not been known in the history of Sydney, and such as may never be known again. It will tax the ability and determination of the authorities to the utmost to prevent disaster, and if they succeed, they will prove themselves worthy of high praise indeed.

THE COUNTRY CENTRES.

Sydney people can hardly be expected to object to anything which for a fortnight or so at any rate, makes their city the centre of attraction. Nevertheless, it seems clear enough that the crowd in Sydney would have been big enough in any event without any special attempt to swell it on the part of the Government. Wiser and more truly patriotic would it have been to encourage as far as possible the due celebration of "Proclamation Day" in the country centres, which, moreover, are certainly in equity entitled to their fair share of the public money to be spent on the occasion. The fault is not that of the Government alone. All Governments inevitably succumb more or less to metropolitan influences. But the representatives of the people, who ought to have strenuously championed the just claims of their constituents, have been very remiss in their duty.

SYDNEY FIRST.

All the dangers of the sea have been safely surmounted by the Governor-General. He is a bad sailor, and how gladly he exchanges his luxurious floating prison (with a chance of being drowned, as Dr. Johnson reminds us) for the beautiful rooms and grounds of Government House none but he can tell. But the biggest danger of all, from the point of view of impatient Sydney citizens, was that he should break his journey at Melbourne, and thus that the Royal Arthur, rather than arrive too soon, had to anchor for the night in the picturesque solitudes of Jervis Bay. It would have been high treason to the mother colony had the time been put in at Melbourne. It is not surprising that this aspect of the matter has evoked uncompromising comment in the Southern metropolis. However, they will have a sweet and crushing revenge when the first Federal Parliament meets, for when that happens the viceregal court will remove to Melbourne, and remain there indefinitely. Meanwhile it is not fair to saddle Sir William Lyne with the crime of being unkind of Lord Hopetoun's health and comfort. The Governor-General himself was fully determined, if his strength permitted, to follow the programme agreed upon before his departure from London. He would have been formally absolved from it had he expressed any desire in that direction, but fortunately he felt equal to the task, and performed it. He has thereby endeared himself to the people of New South Wales without alienating the previously-won affections of those of Victoria.

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THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER.

The Commonwealth now has a head, for although it will have no official existence till Proclamation Day, Lord Hopetoun is duly appointed Governor-General. This is in order that he may select his advisers, for his Ministry ought to be sworn in at the same time as himself, in order that there shall not be even the appearance of despotism or arbitrary action. It is, doubtless, on account of the weak state of his health that he is all so anxious to relieve him of the troublesome task of selecting a Prime Minister by selecting one for him. Of the three aspirants generally mentioned, Mr. Barton's chances are regarded as by far the most favourable. Nevertheless, it was noteworthy that along the course of Saturday's procession, Mr. Reid got far more cheers than Sir William Lyne and Mr. Barton together. If the choice depended on the New South Wales Assembly the honour would unhesitatingly fall on Sir William Lyne. Indeed, some go as far as to say that he, as Premier of the premier colony, is entitled to the position. In provincial political circles Sir William's elevation would cause a great deal of promotion, and the friends of Mr. John See and Mr. O'Sullivan, who are understood to be desirous of stepping into Sir William's shoes, are particularly vociferous in advocating the selection of the latter. But, on the other hand, if the people of New South Wales could be polled, the choice would lie between Mr. Reid and Mr. Barton. These self-constituted advisers, however, forget that it is not the Parliament or people of New South Wales alone who are to be consulted, but those of the Commonwealth. From this point of view, Sir William Lyne, as a staunch opponent of the Constitution Bill, can hardly be expected to be *persona grata* to the southern colonies. Perhaps it is to his credit that this is so. But that does not alter the fact or his bearing on his chance of securing a working majority in the first Federal House of Representatives. For a similar reason Mr. Reid's chances are also discounted. He, moreover, is a Free-trader, whereas nearly half New South Wales and practically the whole of the other five States are Protectionist. His view of the case is probably the right one. But, as a matter of practical politics the chances of his selection securing popular endorsement must be regarded as slender. None of these objections weigh against Mr. Barton. With the approval of all the colonies he was selected as leader of the Federal Convention and it is reasonable to suppose that his selection as the first Federal Premier would meet with their approval also, whilst his fiscal faith is also of the right colour. All this is quite independent of the question whether he is really the best man for the position, but circumstances conspire to place the opportunity within his reach, and unless he prefers some other career he is fairly entitled to it. Those who played against Mr. Barton and lost, cannot honorably object to hand over the stakes.

THE CONINGHAM CASE.

That horrible nightmare, the Coningham divorce case, has come to a close, but common report says it is to be heard over again, so that it may be regarded as still *sub judice*. There was manifestly conspiracy and perjury on one side or the other, but the jury being divided as seven to five, were unable to say which. The matter is one which should certainly be sifted to the bottom.

Sydney, 17th December, 1900.

News from the Transvaal.

ERNIE SHADFORTH, son of FRANCIS HENRY SHADFORTH, Esq., of Herbarton, this writes to his Chums in the Gulf through the medium of the "Burke Telegraph."

DEAR CHUMS.—I expect you will have said all sorts of nice things about me for not writing to you before this, but better late than never, so I will get to business and let you know right away all about what I have done and what has been done to me since our arrival in South Africa. After leaving the boat we put in a couple of days at Maitland Camp, Cape Town, which time was fully occupied in getting our gear together, &c. We were then sent on by train to Krondstad, and had a very pleasant trip, but the horses were terribly knocked about. On arrival at Krondstad in the afternoon (don't look for dates as I have lost count and am often in difficulties as to the day of the week) we finished getting our horses untrussed at about 10 p.m. amidst drizzling rain. The following afternoon we started out on a flying column with Colonel Hickman. We were supposed to be out for ten days, but worked hard by Vanderberg over towards Lindley where there was some fighting on, in which we all hoped to have a hand, but it was not our luck for on the eighth day we were recalled to Krondstad. The weather was beastly cold and it was a common thing to see ice half an inch thick on the dams at 10 o'clock in the morning, and as there is a great scarcity of wood—the fence posts being of stone, beautifully split—we did a perish. Our tucker consisted of bully beef and biscuits, tea and sugar—and not too much sugar—which, with little extras in the way of a stag sheep or a forlorn and wandering hen, we managed to eke out an existence, which you would not call a bad one, when we could get the wood to do the cooking. As regards wood—which we often carried in front of us for miles—I am afraid both wagons and horses suffered and I have more than once seen the pole and front carriage of a wagon burning merrily, but don't for a moment think that it was at our fire. On arrival at Krondstad we went straight on to the train and had not even time to get a change of clothes, and off to Pretoria where we arrived about midday. That same night we were sent on outpost a few miles from town, so you see they did not give us much time to rest. The following morning we shifted to Dutoitspoort Camp and put in a couple of days patrolling the valley and adjoining kopjes.

SNIPING.

At Hon's Nek we lost our first man, who was shot by some Boer snipers. Snipers is the name given to fellows who take up a position behind a rock and wait for game in the shape of a poor unsuspecting soldier and bag him over as soon as he passes them. From Dutoitspoort we went under a march with General Malan, through Waterfall, where the British prisoners were kept. They seem to have been fairly well off for good water and large galvanised iron buildings to camp in. Around the enclosure is a barbed wire entanglement that a rat could hardly get through and the place was lit up with electric lamps.

FIRST SKIRMISH.

From Waterfall to Hannan's Kraal we had our first actual skirmish, although we had previously been under shellfire outside Pretoria. You would

have laughed when the first shells were sent after us. As they dropped and did not burst some of the fellows broke out of the ranks and galloped over to see what they were like, but they don't do it now. At Hannan's Kraal we had a sergeant killed and a private wounded, and were blazing away all the afternoon.

SOLDIER'S FUNERAL.

At night we buried our comrade at the foot of a gum tree. It was a most impressive scene, a soldier's funeral by lantern light. I do not wish to see another. Poor Maxwell! From there we struck out towards Balmoral and on the way spent a day under shell fire. Nearly all our big guns were at work as also the Pom Poms. The Boers had a couple of big guns and one Pom Pom which did little damage beyond smashing an ambulance wagon and killing a Kaffir driver.

CLIMATIC EXPERIENCES.

Balmoral, shall I ever forget you! We put in a deuce of a night there. Evidently the intention originally was to be out for five days, but were away with the works and the water fell down here.

To mend matters it was bitterly cold, no transport in with blankets, and the day's biscuit about consistency of soup which, mixed with the sugar, salt and bits of tobacco that a fellow carries in his dilly-bag (I mean his bag), made a very nice little treat. The Boers had a chorus of "Why did I leave my little Balmoral?" Over five hundred bullocks and mules died with exposure that night as also an officer and three privates in the A and S Highlanders.

PRETORIA AGAIN.

Back again to Pretoria for a day and a half and then to the Crocodile River on which trip we were supposed to be out for five days, but were away a month. This is about the best trip we have had nearly every day we were sniped at, as we were always advance, rear guard, or on the flank somewhere.

A SKIRMISH.

At a place called Orange Grove we had a good go at it. The Boers were in two long columns with some splendid oranges growing. Of course we had to rouse them out of it. Whether it was the sight of the oranges or not I don't know, but the fellows made a great dash for that orchard. The Boers retired, but before we were in the orchard they were with oranges; in fact, anywhere an orange could be carried—not forgetting shirts—was made use of. We could have made a good sketch of the fellows making up a kopje with a rifle in one hand and oranges in the other. The rifle fire was very heavy here for a time, but only one officer was wounded on our side.

RUSTENBURG.

We had a fairly peaceful trip from there to Rustenburg, where we arrived on Sunday evening. Rustenburg is rather a pretty little place with some nice farms around it. The valley is the best I have seen since I came over and beautifully watered. It is also very productive in the poultry line—I am getting to be quite a judge of poultry and pork—and it is astonishing what a lot of poultry and pork are raised in this country. The Boers were not able to look a respectable head in the face when they got home. On Monday we went out to Elmdale River to the relief of the third contingent. We were within a few miles of them and could hear the firing quite plain when a messenger came that we were not required as the Boers were scattered there a few shots and cleared—so we returned to Rustenburg. Down the valley again we went to Mossel-leker's Nek, where we crossed the range and started up towards Jocke's Nek.

THAT WHITE FLAG.

Near Zaker Nek we were on outpost all night and formed the rear guard in the morning. Early the following morning we took up a position on a kopje as our observation post, from where we could see about 150 Boers further up the valley. They were at the various farm houses having breakfast, and after breakfast they came down to the river and immediately up went the white flag at every farm house. Our experience of the white flag is that it is a farce. A party of the enemy on an adjoining kopje found out where we were and gave us a warm time for a bit. We returned the fire for some time and then had to leave our position as the column had gone on through Zaker Nek. They did not see us retire and for half-an-hour after we had left were continually blazing away. Another party tried to flank us, but a couple of shots from a big gun planted on an adjoining kopje scared them and covered our retreat, and frightened three years growth out of them.

DE WEE.

On via Johannesburg and Krugersdorp—did not touch the towns—to Dikfontein, where we heard that De Wee was at Oliphant's Nek, so away back again. We arrived near Oliphant's Nek in the afternoon, and for a time a smart skirmish took place, in which a lot of our fellows heartily joined. Out at 4 a.m. relieving infantry (pickets), as they were to make the advance, and we had to put in the day holding a kopje in the rear, and didn't get a shot at them at all. Through the Nek that night and camped near Rustenburg again. Once more down the Valley to Kaffir Kraal, when we struck out northwards to Rooie Kopjes. We were now doing advance and rear guard duty, as the A.S. Highlanders and K.O.S. Borderers, with whom we got on splendidly. The officers and men were sorry when we had to part, as all the time we were scouting for them they were never once sniped at, so you can see that we cleared the country well for their advance.

(To be continued.)

Light Without Heat or Waste.

PROFESSOR LANGLEBERT, of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington is in receipt of a wonderful little piece of what the inventor has termed "radium," that has sent a thrill of wonder through every scientist in the land (says "The Engineer," Cincinnati, O.). The specimen was received encased in a small box made of lead, accompanied by instructions for the professor to open it in the dark.

This was done. A number of the principal officers of the institution repaired to the photograph "dark room," and the wonderful substance, no bigger than a silver dollar, was taken from its bed, and before those present could realise what had occurred, the room was lit up as completely as though the full rays of the sun had penetrated the place. The substance emitted a clear, greenish glow, and the features of every one were clearly outlined. There was a natural hesitancy on the part of those present to touch the thing, but investigation soon proved that the source of this wonderful light was cool and solid, and that it could be handled with ease.

What is this wonderful substance? It is a discovery made by a woman, Mme. Sklodowska Currie, of the Municipal School of Physics in Paris, and if what is claimed for it be true it is the light of the future—the dream of alchemists—in short, a lamp that will burn for ever, consume neither oil nor wick, is devoid of heat, and requires no attention.

Mme. Currie was awarded 4000fr. and has named the substance "radium." The French Academy of Science for this discovery, which is regarded as one of the most stupendous of the age, upsetting, as it does, all hitherto accepted theories of heat, light, and physical energy, and opening

up fields of knowledge heretofore regarded as beyond the scope of man.

This light, it is claimed, will not only be very cheap when first installed, but after that there will be absolutely no expense in maintaining it, even though left to itself for centuries. Night after night for an indefinite period it will throw out its brilliant rays, and at the end of untold years the illumination will be as great as at first. No underground or overhead wires, no dynamos nor gas retorts, nothing but a little disc of greenish stone. Place this in the wall or in the ceiling, and rooms will be lighted as long as the houses stand.

To produce light without the expenditure of some sort of energy has been looked upon heretofore as an idle dream, but the discovery of the wonderful properties of the X-ray caused the scientist to put on his thinking cap. The X-ray discovery proved that there was more than one form of radiant energy, although all of them have the same qualities in certain directions, yet entirely different in others. Experiments along this line soon convinced scientific students that uranium possessed remarkable qualities—that it had the power of absorbing light and emitting it afterward. It was then discovered on experimenting with salts of the metal that it would produce substances having properties similar to the X-rays, and that while they could not be seen by the human eye they yet had the power of "fogging" a photographic plate when brought in contact with it.

Different investigations produced different forms of these rays, but all failed of producing anything more than a laboratory experiment. There was energy, but unaccompanied by luminosity, and all the experiments were useless, so far as the commercial world was concerned.

Then Mme. Currie began her work where the others left off. She reasoned that the wonderful properties manifested by different substances obtained from uranium were not due to any real power in the metal itself, but to some substance which it held in a state of non-activity. Working on this theory she began her work with a substance known as "pitch-blend," which is uranite, chemically considered, and which is simply the refuse from the factories where various uranium products are made. She first discovered a substance similar to bismuth, but several thousand times more powerful than the uranium salt from which it was obtained. The presence of this metal in combination with uranium was, up to this time, unsuspected, and the discovery was regarded as an important one. About three months ago the efforts of the talented lady scientist were crowned with success along the lines laid down by herself. By using different salts in combination with the bismuth she produced a substance with some of the properties of barium, which, after being heated, had the power of emitting visible rays of light. This is the substance which she has named "radium," and which promises to revolutionise the system of house-lighting.

After she had obtained the long-sought-for substance, Mme. Currie set herself about measuring its power, and found that there was no need for the fine instruments which she had prepared for this purpose, as the light was strong enough to be measured by ordinary methods. A negative of ordinary density was placed in a frame in front of a fast photographic plate. She found, after repeated trials, that she was able to obtain a strong impression in about fifteen minutes—the slide produced was perfect—just as good as could be produced by daylight. A duplication of the plate showed that another could be produced in exactly the same time, which demonstrated that the power of the light was unchanged. At the end of two weeks, during which time the precious substance had been subjected to all sorts of conditions, still another test was made, with the same results, thus proving the stability of the power of the new light. The first piece of radium being produced, Mme. Currie argued that some accident might have been responsible for it, instead of scientific manipulation, but investigation proved conclusively that the results were sound—that radium could be produced at will. Tests were then made to show the exact nature of the material. Pieces were dropped into gunpowder, and while a glow spread through the inflammable material no explosion took place. There was no heat and no fire—merely light. Everything was tried that was at all likely to start combustion, but all failed.

The only thing that would destroy the luminosity of radium was boiling water, in which it must be kept for an hour. On taking it from the water it resembles green quartz—cold and dead. On heating it again, however, to the point of incandescence, it regained its luminosity with the same powers as before. It was then that several pieces of radium were manufactured and sent to scientists throughout the world, and this is how Professor Langley came to receive this queer little thing done up in a leaden box.

Recently Professor Bach, of Berlin a noted scientist, has made tests of the light, with a view of establishing its claims to permanency, and was unable to discover any waste of material whatever. He gave it as his opinion that it would require the lapse of 1,000,000 years or more to destroy the luminosity of a piece of this radium no bigger than a quarter of an inch square. When it came to explaining the reason for the light's existence, however, he was dumb.

Even as the discovery stands to-day, it is one of the most useful on record, as small pieces may be used to illuminate dwellings, public buildings, and theatres, with the absolute certainty that they would result no flame from their extinguishment, as sometimes happens from the use of ordinary means of lighting, and that the expenses of maintaining them would be absolutely nothing.

In its present stage of development

there are many uses for this magic substance, yet without doubt it has been left to a talented member of the fair sex, whose work along this line exceeds all others to benefit the world by one of the greatest discoveries of the age.

FELLOW FEELING.

Napoleon, a short time after the battle of Waterloo, was passing through a country village, when he met a boy of about ten years of age crying piteously. "What is the matter, my man?" asked the emperor. "Oh, sir," said the boy, "my father has just been beating me with a slipper." "Take this, my boy," said Napoleon, as he pressed a five-franc piece into the boy's hand. "I sympathise with you. I have just been beaten by a Wellington and a Blucher myself."

WORSE THAN THE BOERS.

Of course the girls were to the front in welcoming home the returned contingents, as they had been giving an encouraging send-off to the same heroes, and whenever a soldier appeared as if he had had a bad time 'out there' what an ovation he got! The young man who had a wound and (it must be admitted) who was fairly good-looking was surrounded and kissed and caressed to such an extent that the following yarn reads like a true bill. "He was a tall, handsome warrior with a long fair moustache, blue eyes and the appearance of a man fresh from the hospital, and on his cheek glowed a bright red spot. 'Hello, Bill!' said a friend. 'The Boers must have peppered you. Is this another bullet wound?' 'No,' said the hero, caressing the tender place, 'that's where the girls kissed me after I landed yesterday.'"

An Antediluvian Weapon.

BY A BANKER.

WALKING along a new road which had recently been cut over some heath-land in the county of Hampshire, the writer found a remarkably fine specimen of a celt, or stone implement used as a knife or axe by the prehistoric races of the so-called stone age. The implement, which was of flint, had evidently been in use for a considerable period, for the sides of the sharp end, or blade, were polished with constant use, and felt, to the touch, similar to the peculiar "silky" surface of Queen Anne silver, which no amount of artificial polishing can effectively imitate. The part by which the celt was held by the hand was also indicated by the polish thereon.

This ancient implement was used either by the antediluvian inhabitants of Britain, or by the subsequent settlers who emigrated to these islands three or four thousand years ago; most probably, however, by the former, for the knowledge and use of bronze and iron implements rapidly spread after the flood. In some cases, however, mankind reverted to a savage and rude state, and in the course of the ages entirely forgot all their knowledge of civilisation and the primitive arts which their forefathers from Noah downwards, possessed. The present inhabitants of some of the Polynesian islands are a case in point, for the stone age still exists there; or at least did so until the late thirty or forty years.

The aspect of England was entirely different in this prehistoric age to its present appearance. There were no fields and no roads; no houses and no towns, though possibly, when caves were not available, turf wigwags might have been used as dwellings. There were no dogs, horses, sheep, goats or cattle. (Gaike.) The whole country must have consisted of unbroken

forests and moorlands, through which roamed the reindeer and the elk, the bear, the wolf, and the wild boar. The mammoth also was not yet extinct, though how those primitive savages could succeed with their implements in killing it, is difficult to imagine. (It should, however, be stated that some geologists dispute the existence of man in this age, and attribute those celtic which have indisputable evidence of use, to the neolithic, or later stone age. The writer is inclined to think that chronology renders this view probable.)

And what an entirely different life these ancient men and women must have lived to that of the present age! Without intellectual diversions for reading and writing were unknown, their whole existence must have been passed in the endeavour to procure food. There is no evidence that agriculture was understood, therefore wild animals and birds, roots and fruit, and fishes must have constituted almost their sole sustenance; while their clothing, if any, could only have been formed of skins.

Doubtless, however, they had some sort of religion; for there is not a savage tribe in existence which has not a belief in a Supreme Being (though some travellers describe an African race which, he states, has no such belief; in view, however, of the universal evidence to the contrary, this is incredible). Strange that in this last advanced age some few, ever whose minds the powers of evil have gained control, should make such zealous and strenuous efforts to make themselves and others believe that the entire human race throughout the ages has been holding an utterly false belief; and, like the fool of the Psalmist, they say that there is no God. A time will come, however, when every eye shall see Him, robed in dreadful majesty and glory, and surrounded by all the mighty hierarchy of heaven. Truly then, in their horror, will they acknowledge that the inspired Psalmist was correct in his estimation of those who would even only "in their heart," think such horrible blasphemy. And yet some wildly dare, with astounding and insolent audacity, rudely to insult the Majesty of Heaven by uttering and even preaching the impious profanity!

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