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COROWA PASTURES AND STOCK BOARD.

A MEETING of the Board was held at the office of the Secretary, Mr. A. A. Piggin, yesterday. The business transacted was unusually lengthy, and the sitting lasted all day. There were present:—Messrs. Anderson (chairman), E. C. Piggin, F. M'Farland, J. G. Gray, G. Smyth, Inspector Campbell, and the secretary, Mr. A. A. Piggin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the cash statement and bank book were laid on the table.

The inward correspondence consisted of letters from the Boards at Wagga, Albury, Narrabri, Forbes, Wentworth and Kempsey on the subject of amalgamation of the Pastures and Stock Boards and Sheep Boards throughout the colony; from the Department of Mines, asking for balance-sheets for half-yearly periods during 1896 and 1897; E. J. Gorman re bonus for scalps; from Jerilderie Hound re bonus for crows and foxes; from M'Grioch Bros., re bounties for crows and eaglehawks; from *Sydney Stock and Station Journal*, re publication of balance-sheets; from Stock Boards council of advice re Amended Brands Bill and delegate. The letters were received, and

The Secretary was instructed to reply as follows:—To the Department of Mines and Agriculture that no subsidy had been received for some time; to the *Stock and Station Journal* informing manager that the balance-sheet is always published in the *Government Gazette* and local newspaper, which the Board considered sufficient; other letters were ordered to lie on the table.

The outward correspondence was approved of.

The secretary was instructed to write to the member for the district in reference to Mr. J. G. Gray's circular concerning the amalgamation of the boards.

The chairman submitted list of owners liable to assessment, and an estimate of receipts and expenditure.

Bonuses were fixed as under:—Hares and leverets' scalps, 3d. (an amendment proposing increase to 4d. was not seconded); pademelon's scalp (full grown), 2d.; kangaroo rat's scalp (full grown), 2d.; fox skin, 10s.; fox cub skin, 5s. Messrs. Gray and M'Farland proposed and seconded that the above bonuses be paid on animals killed after the 5th June, 1898.

Messrs. M'Farland and Gray moved and seconded that the Governor be petitioned to declare crows noxious animals within the meaning of the Act, in the Corowa district for a period of two years. Carried.

On the motion of Messrs. M'Farland and Smyth it was decided to pay a bonus of 2d. for the head of every crow killed after they become noxious animals in the Corowa district.

The assessment on stock in the district, liable to assessment, was fixed at 3d. per head on large stock and ½d. per head on sheep.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—J. C. Leslie, £2 4s. 6d.; Government Printer, £1 10s. 7d.; Adams and Co., £1 16s.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Jerilderie Board, and Messrs. M'Grioch Bros., acknowledging their letters, and informing them of the action of the Board.

The following receivers were appointed at a fee of 10s. 6d. per 1000:—Messrs. F. W. Miller, Collendina; W. B. Sanger, Wangamong; R. F. Gardner, Corowa; C. Shelly, Tarrania; J. W. Greggery, Berrigan; E. J. Gorman, Nunguinia; H. F. Lowes, Corowa; H. Gibson, Mulwala; A. A. Piggin, Corowa; W. Sherwin, Boomanoomana; R. E. Young, Bull Plain; A. Campbell, Corowa; J. O'Brien, Bull Plain.

Mr. A. Anderson, chairman, was elected a delegate to attend the Stock Board's Council Conference on 6th July, and the secretary was instructed to arrange for expenses—travelling and other.

Moved by Mr. G. Smyth, and seconded by Mr. M'Farland, that this Board does not approve of the circular issued by Mr. Bruce re wool-classing and wool-classers, and considers that the pastoralists are quite able to look after their own interests. Carried.

The consideration of the clauses of the Brands Amendment Bill was then entered upon, and alterations recommended where considered necessary, but as the bill could not be considered in its entirety in the time at disposal, it was arranged to further deal with it at the next meeting.

It was also arranged that in future meetings shall take place on Wednesdays when not specially fixed otherwise by the Act.

FEDERATION MEETING.—On Tuesday evening next a delegate from the Australian Federation League will address the electors on the Convention Bill in the Corowa School of Arts. The chair will be taken at 8 p.m.

COROWA DEEP LEAD G.M. COY.—The manager reports:—Since my last report the No. 3 shaft has been sunk 36½; total from surface, 51ft. I have slightly improved the box in this shaft, and to-day it is working much better. The pump is working smoothly. We have had very little increase of water this week. The sinking now is in much coarser drift.

A TREBLE TRAGEDY.—A terrible tragedy was enacted on Queen's Birthday at Forster, a town on the northern coast. At mid-day, when almost the whole of the residents were taking park in the Oddfellows' sports, a half caste named John Field attacked his wife and his child, aged eight years, with a tomahawk. With a few deadly strokes he despatched the woman, and then having cruelly slaughtered the child, he proceeded to cut his own throat. While doing so, two half-caste women, who had just returned from the sports, entered Field's camp. As soon as he saw them he rushed at them with the tomahawk, though blood was streaming from the wound in his throat. The women fled shrieking for assistance, whereupon Field re-entered his hut. There he caught sight of his three-months' old baby, lying in its cot, and he smashed it over the head with the tomahawk, inflicting a wound from which the brain protrudes. Though the infant is still alive, there is little hope of its recovery. The murderer was secured, and all possible aid was given to him and the infant. He, however, died within ten minutes. The cause assigned for the murder is jealousy. Field was a wheelwright, and only lately arrived from the Manning. While the tragedy was taking place, a number of visitors from the surrounding district were enjoying themselves at a pic-nic in a paddock adjoining the camp, and the news created a most painful sensation.

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SPORTING NOTES

RACES TO COME.

Beechworth—June 8.
Wangaratta—June 15.
Urana—June 16 and 17.
Tocumwal—August 3.

[BY "THE WIZARD."]

The district-bred horse Yale Lock, by Padlock, ran into third position in the Birthday Cup at the W.A. Queen's Birthday meeting at Perth.

The erstwhile country gelding Honey-law II, now an inmate of J. M'Grath's stable, at Canterbury Park, won the Hurdle Race at Randwick on Saturday. The old Emerald gelding's victory was quite expected, as he was supported down to 7s to 4 against.

Mr. Samuel Hordern's stud of race-horses was offered for sale in Sydney on Monday. The following were the principal prices realised:—Antroconer, 2?0 guineas; Crystal, 520 guineas; Vivian, 500 guineas; Johanneh (late Nansen), 320 guineas; Toreador, 260 guineas.

Pretorius ran second in the Two-year-old race at Flemington on Tuesday. He was giving the winner nearly two stone.

The Messrs. Manifold will in all probability be well represented at the National meeting. Soult and Doondiah are in great buckle, and are likely to be popular fancies for the two chief events.

Local horses were very successful on Queen's Birthday. Winnick Bunker won the Trial and Welter, and Airlock the L.V. Handicap, at Albury. Creole won the Birthday Handicap, and Landmark the Trial, at Rutherglen; and Miss Wellesley the Farewell Handicap at Wodonga.

Airlock, who is without doubt the best Padlock in the district at the present time, will leave for Melbourne shortly. Her trainer has got her in splendid condition, and the trip should be a very remunerative one.

Tuesday was a double-event day among district horses. Blue Eyes won the Queen Plate and Farewell Handicap, and Winnick Bunker the Trial and Welter, at Albury; Trilby the Birthday Handicap and Flying at Wodonga; Fable the Galloway and Flying at Rutherglen; and Clamorous the Hurdles and Birthday Handicap at Deniliquin.

Summer, who went to Westralia some time ago, died suddenly on the Perth racecourse from inflammation.

At the Rutherglen Show Races on Queen's Birthday there was a most attenuated attendance. Evidently racing in the Park is not popular with racegoers owing to the element of danger in racing round a circle only half a mile in circumference being too great. Without taking into consideration the more serious matter of imperilling the life of the rider, the risk of crippling a valuable horse or having his chance spoilt is too obvious. This was fully exemplified on Tuesday. Lady Rowan, only for stumbling round the sharp turns, would have just about won the Trial Stakes, and Meta, in the Hack Race, was winning in a canter when she fell at the last turn and gave her rider, W. Dobson, a very severe shaking.

The V.R.C. should refuse to register race meetings held on a course less than a mile in circumference.

Sunbrown won the Publicans' Purse—1¼ miles—at Rochester. He started favourite and won by three lengths. Alert, who ran second in the Half-mile Flutter, is engaged in the Farewell Handicap at Wahgunyah next Wednesday.

The Albury Licensed Victuallers, with all their pride and boast of a record number of *entries*, had an ignominious fall on race day. Not only was the attendance of the public on a par with that of a previous meeting (summed up by a Wodonga scribe as at about two men and a dog), but the fields in the different events averaged about four starters. It was an open secret here that their horses to be nominated on the condition that no entrance need be paid, only on starters. This manner of booming a meeting held in opposition to that of a neighbouring town, ended the way all good sportsmen should desire, viz., a dismal failure.

Ingesbyes, who won the Hack Race at Chiltern last June, is nominated in the Maiden Hurdles at Moonee Valley tomorrow. He is showing good form over the schooling hurdles at Caulfield. Newpost—another up-country horse—is engaged in the same event, and these two should provide the winner.

At the Melbourne Gun Club Meeting, last Friday, the second competition for the Dewar Challenge Cup (to be won thrice) was won by Mr. H. Y. Brown. Mr. Bid. Brown, the previous winner, was the runner-up at the occasion. The Messrs. Brown were also very successful in the sweeps that followed. Mr. H. Y. Brown divided four, and Mr. S. M. Brown three, sweepstakes.

WAHGUNYAH RACES.

The following weights have been declared, in connection with the above meeting:—

TRIAL HANDICAP.—Six furlongs.

	st lbs
Mr. A. Cornell's Master Mac	9 0
Mr. J. Hickey's Deformed	9 0
Mr. C. Stanley's Winnick Bunker	8 12
Mr. S. Brierley's Glengatta	8 7
Mr. M. Heenan's Ganymede	8 5
Mr. J. Cash's Nemintzesu	7 12
Mr. J. Hickey's Cambridge	7 10
Mr. T. Dodd's Landmark	7 10
Mr. J. Kennedy's Master William	7 5
Mr. D. Sutherland's Golden Key	7 0
Mr. A. F. Cullen's Lovelocks	7 0
Mr. T. Burns' Landrail	7 0
Mr. J. Gill's Lady Rowan	7 0

FLYING HANDICAP.—Six furlongs.

	st lbs
Mr. M. Tobin's Glendale	10 0
Mr. F. Knight's Sunny	9 3
Mr. M. Darcey's Creole	8 12
Mr. G. Wallace's Snorter	8 5
Mr. W. Ball's Mastertop	7 13
Mr. J. Hickey's Deformed	7 10
Mr. C. Stanley's Winnick Bunker	7 8
Mr. P. C. Kerr's Miss Wellesley	7 7
Mr. C. Gateley's Review	7 6
Mr. D. Sutherland's Cockerow	7 4
Mr. M. Heenan's Ganymede	7 2
Mr. C. Wemyss' Reply	6 12
Mr. J. Hickey's Cambridge	6 9
Mr. T. Dodd's Landmark	6 9

WINTER HANDICAP.—Nine furlongs.

	st lbs
Mr. M. Tobin's Glendale	9 5
Mr. F. Knight's Sunny	8 12
Mr. J. Ginnivan's Armada	8 7
Mr. H. F. Ralph's Le Nord	8 6
Mr. M. Darcey's Creole	8 6
Mr. G. Wallace's Snorter	8 0
Mr. A. Cornell's Master Mac	7 10
Mr. T. Dodd's Sunstroke	7 8
Mr. J. Hickey's Deformed	7 7
Mr. W. Ball's Mastertop	7 5
Mr. C. Gateley's Review	7 3
Mr. P. C. Kerr's Miss Wellesley	7 0
Mr. C. Wemyss' Reply	6 12
Mr. C. Stanley's Winnick Bunker	6 12

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Four furlongs.

	st lbs
Mr. H. F. Ralph's Le Nord	9 12
Mr. G. Wallace's Snorter	9 8
Mr. A. Cornell's Master Mac	9 0
Mr. J. O'Meara's Riverina	9 0
Mr. P. C. Kerr's Miss Wellesley	8 7
Mr. D. Sutherland's Cockerow	8 5
Mr. S. Brierley's Glengatta	8 5
Mr. F. Harris's Verbena	8 3
Mr. M. Heenan's Ganymede	8 3
Mr. S. Dunlop's Alert	8 3
Mr. J. Cash's New Mistress	7 12
Mr. R. Donnelly's The Gem	7 10
Mr. J. Kennedy's Master William	7 5
Mr. D. Sutherland's Golden Key	7 0
Mr. M. Tobin's Fable	7 0
Mr. J. Gill's Lady Rowan	6 12
Mr. T. Burn's Landrail	6 12
Mr. A. F. Cullen's Lovelocks	6 12
Mr. W. Lumby's Cricket	6 12

ALBURY LICENSED VICTUALLERS' RACES.

THE annual meeting of the Albury Licensed Victuallers' Association was held on Tuesday under auspicious in no way favorable. The attendance was small. Results:—

[TRIAL STAKES.—Six furlongs.

C. Stanley's Winnick Bancker, 8.2 ... 1
D. Watson's Colleen Bawn, 7.7 ... 2
N. Devlin's Sultana, 8.0 ... 3

Betting—2 to 1 on Winnick Bancker, 3 to 1 again Sultana and Colleen Bawn, 10 to 1 Opal.

Won, pulling up, by two lengths. Time, 1min. 20¼secs.

L. V. HANDICAP.—One mile.

J. W. Thompson's Airlock, 8.5 ... 1
L. Edgehill's Alarm Me, 8.9 ... 2
J. M'Grath's Kendall, 7.4 ... 3

Betting—Evens Airlock, 5 to 1 agst Alarm Me and Kendall, 8 to 1 Blue Eyes.

Won comfortably from Alarm Me. Kendall just beat Blue Eyes on the post for third place. Time, 1.47.

OPEN WELTER RACE.—Seven furlongs.

C. Stanley's Winnick Bancker, 8.0 ... 1
L. Edgehill's Alarm Me, 10.0 ... 2
G. Wallace's Snorter, 9.13 ... 3

Betting—5 to 4 agst Snorter, 6 to 4 Winnick Bancker, 4 to 1 Alarm Me and Swagman.

Won in a canter. Time, 1.36.

QUEEN'S PLATE.—Six furlongs.

H. Hoystead's Blue Eyes, 7.12 ... 1
J. J. M'Grath's Kendall, 7.5 ... 2
D. Watson's Colleen Bawn, 7.7 ... 3

Betting—2 to 1 on Gaunnia, 7 to 2 Kendall, 4 to 1 Blue Eyes, 10 to 1 Colleen Bawn.

Inside the distance Blue Eyes came away and won easily enough. The favorite was last. Time, 1.19½

FOREMO HANDICAP.—Six furlongs.

H. Hoystead's Blue Eyes, 8.10 ... 1
D. Watson's Colleen Bawn, 7.7 ... 2
G. Wallace's Snorter, 8.2 ... 3

Betting—2 to 1 Blue Eyes and Winnick Bunker, 3 to 1 Gaunnia, 4 to 1 Snorter 10 to 1 Colleen Bawn.

An easy win. Time, 1.20.

WODONGA WINTER MEETING.

This meeting, held on Tuesday, passed off very successfully. Results:—

HURDLE RACE, of 10 Sovs. 1½ miles.

J. G. Gately's Review, 9.7 ... 1
M. Tobin's Alarm Bell, 10.5 ... 2
W. Lowden's Redeemer, 10.12 ... 3

Zepagna, Reply and Rapid Water also ran. Betting—2 to 1 Zepagna, 3 to 1 Redeemer, 4 to 1 Review or Reply.

TRIAL STAKES, of 8 Sovs. Six furlongs.

R. Hoysted's Dorothy, 8.12 ... 1
W. Lowden's Mary Anne, 8.12 ... 2
H. Bentley's Brian, 8.9 ... 3

Fourteen started. Betting—2 to 1 Dorothy, 3 to 1 Little Herk, 4 to 1 Manoel, 10 to 1 others. Won easily.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, of 15 Sovs. 1¼miles.

J. and H. Gray's Trilby, 7.9 ... 1
H. Hoysted's Wicket, 9.0 ... 2
Mr. R. Hoysted's Sunbonnet ... 3

Redeemer and Molly Anthony were the other starters. Betting—3 to 1 Wicket, 3 to 1 Trilby or Sunbonnet, 4 to 1 Redeemer. An excellent race throughout, and a close finish between the placed horses.

GALLOWAY HANDICAP, 8 furlongs.

R. Shiers' Newleigh, 8.3 ... 1
J. Gallagher's Gaspy Bell, 7.13 ... 2
A. Dexter's Maniles, 7.0 ... 3

FLYING HANDICAP, of 10 Sovs. 5 furlongs.

J. and H. Gray's Trilby, 7.11 ... 1
R. Hoysted's Sunbonnet, 7.6 ... 2
A. Symon's Miss Wellesley, 6.12 ... 3

Mary Ann Dunloran, and Cockerow also ran. A splendid race, not two lengths between the first and last horses at the finish with the exception of Cockerow, who got rid of his rider at the turn into the straight.

HANDICAP TROT, of 6 Sovs.

R. H. Elliot's Fusilier, 250yds. behind 1
U. Richardson's Camilla, 300yds. behind 2
M. Martin's Monte, 50yds. behind ... 3

FOREMO HANDICAP, of 5 Sovs. 7 furlongs.

A. Symon's Miss Wellesley, 8.0 ... 1

RUTHERGLEN RACES.

Races were held at Rutherglen Park on Queen's Birthday. The weather was bitterly cold, and the attendance moderate. Results:—

Trial Stakes.—Landmark 1, Lady Rowan 2, Cambridge 3.

Galloway Handicap.—Fable 1, Metal 2, Lady Rowan 3.

Birthday Handicap.—Creole 1, Sunstroke 2, Le Nord 3.

Hack Race.—Emily 1, Clansman 2, Gipsy 3.

Miners' Hack Race.—Gladiolus 1, The Beetle 2, Clansman 3.

Flying Handicap.—Fable 1, Mastertop 2, Landmark 3.

SYDNEY TURF CLUB RACES.

The Birthday meeting of the above club was concluded on Tuesday. Results:—

Second Hurdle Race.—Gladstone 1, Carnot 2, Pomeroy 3.

Maiden Handicap.—Hector 1, Her Highness 2, Hope 3.

May Stakes.—Longford 1, Wee Tyler 2, Kimpley 3.

Birthday Cup.—Brazen Lad 1, Doddington 2, Syeria.

Nursery Handicap.—Kulain 1, Loch Long 2, Lady Killer 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Sailor Boy 1, The Clansman 2, Beverley 3.

V.R.C. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY MEETING.

Unpleasant weather prevailed for the above meeting at Flemington on Tuesday. The long list of fatalities to jumping horses was added to at the meeting, Kangaroo II. and Tayage both breaking their necks. Results:—

Hurdle Race.—Deposed 1, Borderer 2, Riplet 3.

Royal Handicap.—Cherry 1, Alabaculia 2, The Don 3.

Steeplechase.—Nilus 1, N.Z. 2, Blue Peter 3.

Birthday Handicap.—The Chevalier 1, Bess Brummell 2, Peeress 3.

Two-year-old Handicap.—The Bird 1, Pretorius 2, Avalon 3.

Welter Handicap.—Alabaculia 1, Bunyan 2, Nudity 3.

FEDERATION.

THE VOTE ON THE BILL.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES
(Pro favour of the Bill.)

GENTLEMEN,—In addressing you on the eve of the most momentous day that has yet dawned on Australia since its first settlement, I do not presume to speak to you simply as a private citizen—though even if I did you would not, I am confident, refuse me courteous hearing—but as one who has been honored by yourselves with a trust at once distinguished and onerous. I speak to you now as the man whom you placed first among your chosen delegates to the Federal Convention, and as the man upon whom you, as much indeed as the votes of the members of the Convention themselves, conferred the still more responsible position of the Leadership of that august body. In this dual function then, and under this dual responsibility, I address you, and appeal to you with all the sincerity, and all the earnestness of my nature, to vote for the acceptance of the Draft Bill to Constitute the Commonwealth of Australia, as adopted and promulgated by the Federal Convention.

I do so, because that Bill represents the result, not merely of 12 months' debate in Convention, but of the debate and the fullest discussion in press, Parliament and Convention, and in private life, of the past seven years. I do so, because it represents the most conscientious work of the representative public men of the colonies proposing to federate—men chosen in all colonies but one by the purely democratic method of the manhood popular vote. I do so, because it embodies that spirit of compromise between the conflicting interests of State and State, and between opposite types of individual opinion, which, as to the one, is demanded by the genius of British political institutions. I do so, because I think that it is a Bill which, once passed into law, will afford the freest play to individual and national energy in the field of commercial, industrial and intellectual expansion, and because I cannot conceive that under it any irreparable injustice can be inflicted on any state, or citizen of a state. I do so, because I believe, from the bottom of my heart, that it is a measure demanded by the political necessities of Australia, and that it may be accepted by every citizen of the federating colonies, and particularly by every citizen of the mother colony, as an instrument by which the new severed provinces may be shaped into a nation, great in material wealth, splendid in intelligence, and noble in humanity.

Measuring my words, weighing every syllable, and strongly sensible of the tremendous responsibility resting on me as your delegate to the Convention, as the Leader of the Convention, and as the man who now addresses you, I yet ask you to strike the word "No!" from your voting papers on the day of the federal vote. I could not ask this of you did the Bill contain any clause that could injure you, or your children, or your children's children. Perfect the Bill is not; but you will gain no better Bill by delay; and the Bill contains within itself the means of its own amendment when the Federal Parliament, representing the whole Commonwealth, demands its amendment in the interests of the Commonwealth. The security and honour of the Australian Colonies require that they shall federate. Here is a draft Constitution under which they may safely federate. To reject the draft Constitution will be to postpone federation indefinitely, therefore do I ask you to "Vote for the Bill."

I have addressed you as your delegate of the Convention, and as leader of the Convention. One word, I may, however, add as your fellow elector. New South Wales is my native colony—it is my home. Such success as I have had in private and in public life has been won within its bounds, or been conferred by its people. It is the birth-place of my children. My life has been at one open book before you. In voting for the Bill, I am committing myself, and the happiness of my children, to the Australian future. You do no less, but you do no more. Need I say more?

I am, Gentlemen,
EDMUND BARTON.

"Mianderra,"
North Sydney.

COROWA POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1898.

(Before Mr. A. A. Piggin, J.P.)

Joseph Harrison Hartley, drunk, fined 1s., or imprisonment till rising of the court.

COROWA LICENSING COURT.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1898.

(Before Dr. W. H. Lang, J.P.)

The licensing inspector, Sergeant Redingfield, proceeded against Thomas Hogan, Dayedale, for allowing his licensed premises to fall into a ruinous condition. At request of prosecutor the case was adjourned till Wednesday, June 1.

"TROUBLES NEVER COME SINGLY."—The truth of the above old saying is being fully realised in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Duckett, of Beechworth, who only three weeks ago lost their son, Thomas, manager for Messrs. Crawford and Co., under painful circumstances. Following on this sad trouble they are now called upon to bear further bereavement in the death of their son-in-law, Mr. Roland Eymer, which occurred at Albury on Monday morning last, from congestion of the lungs and pleurisy; and it is reported that Mrs. Eymer is lying in a critical condition at the present time, the cause of the illness being the same as that which proved fatal to both her husband and brother. It is stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Eymer caught a severe cold whilst attending their brother's funeral at Beechworth, the day being wet and cold. On returning to Albury Mrs. Eymer was taken seriously ill, and, although had himself, in the worry and excitement of their recent affliction Mr. Eymer to some extent neglected himself. He gradually grew worse and died as stated. He was 41 years of age and had been a resident of Albury for 15 years, where he was for the most of the time engaged in the butchering business, but for the last two years he had been manager of Bungowannah Park for Mr. Grieve.

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FEDERATION POINTS.

AT Numurkah on Tuesday evening Mr McKenzie and the Minister for Railways addressed a very large meeting in favour of the Convention Bill, and the declaration of the latter that "the Stock Tax must go" was received with cheers.

Mr. McKenzie said at the Numurkah meeting:—"Seeing that the Stock Tax was close to go, could they think of a more favorable time to abolish it than the present, when the herds of New South Wales and Queensland had been decimated by the drought."

After Mr. Kennedy, M.L.A., had spoken in favour of the Convention Bill at Numurkah on Tuesday evening last, Mr. James McGregor, a well known farmer, rose, and stated, amid applause, that he intended to vote for the measure. A resolution was unanimously carried—the audience gave three cheers for Federation, and sang the National Anthem.

Mr. M'Lean, the author and advocate of the Victorian Stock Tax, delivered an anti-federation speech at Numurkah on Wednesday evening, and had a very critical reception. No vote was taken, but cheers were given for the bill. In reply to a question Mr. M'Lean admitted that he was prepared to sacrifice the Stock Tax if the constitutional defects in the bill were remedied.

"Most of the people who are advocating Federation have nothing but a carpet bag and a gift tongue!!" (Laughter.)—Mr. Graham, M.L.A., at Numurkah.

Mr. Graham at Numurkah:—"Before the repeal of the Corn Laws, Ireland was exporting a larger quantity of corn to England than now."—A voice:—"Well, that proves they eat more in Ireland now." (Loud cheers and laughter.)

Mr. Max Hirsch was enthusiastically received in Albury on Wednesday night. He said:—"He knew the Premier of New South Wales well, and was positive that he was several heads higher than any other public man in Australia."

"He ridiculed the fears of the democratic leaders in New South Wales who oppose the bill on the ground that it was not democratic enough. It would be senseless to reject the bill which gave them a democratic advance for which they had striven in vain for 100 years." Mr. MAX HIRSCH, at Albury.

One of the most vigorous opponents of the Bill in the person of Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, M.L.A., has struck his colours and may be accepted by every citizen of the federating colonies, and particularly by every citizen of the mother colony, as an instrument by which the now severed provinces may be shaped into a nation, great in material wealth, splendid in intelligence, and noble in humanity.

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NOT KNOWING WHAT ELSE TO DO.

To save ourselves trouble and suffering by learning from the experience of others is not the wisdom of history. Otherwise every generation, as the human and woman therein, would have to begin back where their ancestors did. Every soul of us has to learn the alphabet for himself; but after that he can read and benefit by what others have spelled. To that idea plain as pea in a split pod? Yes. Well, then, let us see whether it has anything to say to the facts set forth in the following letter:—

"After my confinement," wrote a woman, "in August of last year (1893), I could not get up my strength. My food did not seem to be of any use to me. In some way I was ill, but I could not give a name to the disease. My tongue was swollen, and thickly coated, and I was constantly spitting out the thick phlegm which gathered in my throat and mouth. No matter how little food I took—even a morsel—it gave me great pain at the chest and sides; and sometimes it would dart through to my back between the shoulders.

"Often I would be sick, and heave and strain until I was quite sore. Then, again, a pain would take me in the stomach, and cut through me like a knife. I had a dry, barking cough which never left me, and I sweat terribly at night. The cough was so bad that I often had to hold my sides when I had spells of it.

"Nearly every bit of flesh went off my bones, and I got so weak I couldn't put my foot to the ground. People said I was in a consumption, and I had little hope of getting better. I was so nervous that the least noise would startle and upset me. Those who called said it was pitiable to see the condition I was in.

"I saw two doctors who gave me medicines, but I only got worse and worse. At the end of October (1893) I came by a small book telling about Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and, not knowing what else to do, I sent to Mr. Baxter, the druggist, Brookhouse, and got a bottle. After I had taken it but a few days I was under painful circumstances. Following on this and trouble they are now called upon to bear further bereavement in the death of their son-in-law, Mr. Roland Eymer, which occurred at Albury on Monday morning last, from congestion of the lungs and pleurisy; and it is reported that Mrs. Eymer is lying in a critical condition at the present time, the cause of the illness being the same as that which proved fatal to both her husband and brother. It is stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Eymer caught a severe cold whilst attending their brother's funeral at Beechworth, the day being wet and cold. On returning to Albury Mrs. Eymer was taken seriously ill, and, although had himself, in the worry and excitement of their recent affliction Mr. Eymer to some extent neglected himself. He gradually grew worse and died as stated. He was 41 years of age and had been a resident of Albury for 15 years, where he was for the most of the time engaged in the butchering business, but for the last two years he had been manager of Bungowannah Park for Mr. Grieve.

For Bronchial Coughs take Woods Great Peppermint Cure, 1/6 and 2/6.

Mr. Charles W. Sabine, late of Deniliquin, has been appointed Acting Inspector of Stock at Bogabilla, on the Queensland border, at a salary of £250 per annum.

SORE EYES.—The public are notified that MORRIS' IMPERIAL EYE OINTMENT is by far the safest and best remedy for the many disorders of the eyes prevalent at this season of the year. It is advisable to obtain it immediately, and avoid serious results from dust, heat, flies, exposure, &c. Having enjoyed a wonderful reputation of over half a century, it can with confidence be recommended, and the genuine must be secured to avoid disappointment and trouble. It costs 1s. per pot, and is obtainable everywhere. The Testimonials enclosed with each pot should be carefully read and remembered.—Adve

SITTINGS.

Severe frosts the last two mornings. Your Grocer keeps Woods' Great Peppermint Cure for Coughs and Colds, 1/6 and 2/6.

Meeting of Corowa branch of Australian Federation League on Monday next at 8 p.m. at the Royal Hotel.

On Sunday next the Rev. W. Hose will preach sermons at Mulwala (11 a.m.) and Corowa (7.30 p.m.) on the subject, "Federation from the Christian Standpoint."

"There's no sweeter Tobacco comes from Virginia and no better brand than the Three Castles." You'll take to it, bless you, as you grow older.—Tho-Gray, The Virginian.

A Ladies Federation League is in the aspic in Corowa. Probably when the gentle sex exhibit an interest in the movement a little more enthusiasm will be manifested locally.

On Queen's Birthday things were so painfully quiet in Corowa that a Jackaroo went leisurely up Sanger-street, and on up to the Court House, looking for a dog to have some fun.

It is becoming more certain every day that the Sydney opposition to the Bill emanates from the Provincialists, who see in the movement a step toward the decentralization which they dread.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a man who is alleged to have struck Mr. Dave King on the night of the Licensed Victuallers' race meeting, with a tumbler, inflicting serious injury.

In the Wagga land board district since the 1895 Land Act came into operation up to the end of 1897, 231,605 acres were made available for homestead selection; 237,917 acres being taken up, leaving only 4687 acres not applied for.

The will left by Mr. Gladstone has been opened and read at Hawarden Castle, where his body still lies in state. One of the provisions of the will directs that no laudatory inscription shall be placed over his grave, and another directs that on the death of his wife her body shall be interred in the same grave as his own.

Early to bed, early to rise, never get drunk and advertise. Paste this in yer hat if you can't remember it. Why? Because it's the first step on the golden stairs. There is only one more solid fact than this. "That Woods' Great Peppermint Cure is the best and most effectual cough mixture this side of the line. The price is not prohibitive, 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. Your grocer keeps it."

At the Albury police court on Monday three young men, Denis, Benjamin, and Peter Mullaney, sons of a well-to-do farmer, residing at Wyniham, were charged with maliciously wounding a thoroughbred horse, the property of Fanny Coleman, a married woman, owning land adjoining their father's farm. Accused, who reserved their defence, were committed for trial at the June Sessions.

Mrs. King, one of the victims of the recent Rookwood tragedy, died on Tuesday in the Auburn Hospital, from the results of the terrible wounds she received at the hands of the murderer, Cusack. It will be remembered that Cusack shot Mrs. King and Mrs. King and then himself. King and Cusack succumbed at once to their injuries, but Mrs. King, in spite of terrible wounds, lingered until Tuesday.

OVENS AND MURRAY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FIXTURES.

THE following is the draw for the forthcoming season, with umpires as far as appointed, matches to be played on the ground of the first-named club in each instance:—

May 28.—
Albury v. Chiltern.—Eder.
Excelsior v. Southern.—M'Donald, Rutherglen v. Border.—Ryan.
Beechworth a bye.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The following are the fixtures for the season, with umpires as far as appointed, matches to be played on the ground of the first-named club in each instance:—

May 28.—Vacant.

June 4.
Wahgunyah v. Wangaratta.—King.
Rutherglen v. Wodonga.—Martell.
North Prentice a bye.

CYCLES.—Local cyclists are advised elsewhere that they can procure the latest in cycles, viz., the Keating wheels, at the Border Cycle Agency, Sanger street. They are said to be the best value for money ever imported.

COFFEE PALACE.—Mrs. M'Cappin advertises that she is prepared to supply substantial meals at the Corowa Coffee Palace. Hot pies and coffee, at the reduced price of 3d., may be obtained at all hours, also oysters and fish. See advertisement.

MR. WISE IN TASMANIA.—Mr. B. R. Wise, of New South Wales, addressed a large gathering in the Albert Hall, Launceston, on Tuesday evening, on the question of Federation, and, in an address of great power and eloquence, pleaded hard on behalf of the cause, and urged Tasmania not to make the fatal mistake of standing out. He treated the financial question in a practical way. On his asking all in favour of the bill to rise to their feet, everybody in the hall stood up, and not one answered Mr. Wise's challenge for those against it to do likewise. A telegram was read from the West Coast stating that 1000 votes would be cast there for the bill.

SYDNEY NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SYDNEY, MONDAY

THE PREMIER AND THE BILL.—"I won't kill the Bill," said the Premier at Bathurst. But the whole burden of his address was that he would have a very low opinion of the prosperity and patriotism of his hearers if they did not kill it for him. I know the "City of the Plains" pretty well, and notwithstanding the wave of Federal enthusiasm that has engulfed it, I am not surprised to hear that Mr. Reid's exposition of the alleged defects of the Bill, and of the sacrifices which it is alleged it will demand from New South Wales, made a profound impression. It has been complained that he sought also to have enlarged upon its merits. But, as he himself pointed out, the Bill is the production of a Convention in which three colonies were represented by thirty delegates, whilst New South Wales and Victoria were only represented by twenty. Human nature will have to undergo a very radical change before a Bill so framed can be expected to contain many provisions over which the large colonies can reasonably be expected to enthuse.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—The chief effort of the committee's report on the Finances of Federation has been to leave the statisticians just where they were. They had been accused by the Billites of uttering garbled and partisan statements, in order to prejudice the people against the Bill. And the conclusions of the committee have not altered the situation. The inference, therefore, is that the charges of the Billites are sustained. The report was so colourless, and avoided so many matters of burning interest, that both sides claimed it as a victory, and the fact that Dr. Maclaurin—an ardent anti-Billite—unreservedly acquiesced in it, whilst Mr. Bruce Smith—the Billite