

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mr Geo. Edgell notifies that he supplies fresh fish every Thursday, and orders booked will receive attention.

Mr H. Ledger will visit Tungamah every Shire Council day as representative of the firm of M. Q. M'Namara, Benalla, land salesmen, etc.

Rumored that Brookes, the great Australian tennis player, is about to write a book. Of course. It has been predicted—"Books in the running Brookes."

The Shire Council notifies that persons found riding or driving on footpaths or water-tables in the township of Tungamah will be prosecuted forthwith.

Watts, Turnbull and Co. hold a special stock sale at Dookie next Monday, when they will submit an unusually large yarding, as advertised in another column.

Another crusade against wandering cattle in our local streets has been initiated. Mr A. Hartwig has been empowered to impound straying pests.

His Majesty's Birthday post bag included 50,000 letters of congratulations from the children attending the elementary schools throughout England.

"What's the matter, my little boy?" "M-maw's gone and drowned all the kittens." "Dear, dear! that's too bad!" "Yep, an' she p-promised—boo-hoo—that I cud do it!"

When the husband paid Mrs Stone the amount of insurance her husband had carried, he asked her to take out a policy on her own life. "I believe I will," she said, as my husband had such good luck."

Under the new Temperance Act in Scotland the hotels do not open till after 10 a.m. Several hundred men in Glasgow have already refused to go to work until the hotels open in time for them to buy drink for breakfast.

It was speech-night, and a youth rose to deliver his oration. His subject was "Light." He began: "'In the beginning God said, Let there be light; and there was light.' Now let us consider some of the modern improvements."

At Baniyong a number of residents who have cattle running on the common have applied to the Council for rebates on the charges made on the plea that the erection of telephone posts across the common has spoiled portion of the grass.

In a farewell message at Wellington, Major-General Hamilton said:—"I think New Zealand is an earthly paradise, and all people have to do is to take the necessary measures to exclude serpents. They will know best what I mean by that."

A youth named Albert Lowe was fined £3, in default three weeks' imprisonment, at the Yarrowonga Police Court on a charge of having made use of insulting words in a public street in Yarrowonga. Messrs A. A. Manning and J. A. Hanrahan were the adjudicating magistrates.

The Corowa Progress Association is pushing along with the matter of the proposed

linking-up of the two railway systems at Corowa and Wahgunyah. It is the intention to interview the Premiers of both States concerned at an early date. Meantime, statistics are being collected to support the deputations.

A lubber was brought before a magistrate in a town in the north, charged with being drunk and incapable the previous night. "What have you to say for yourself?" queried the magistrate. "I was no more drunk than ye was," answered the prisoner, upon which the worthy magistrate remarked, "Ay, weel, ye must have been very bad; 10s 6d, or seven days."

"There is something curious about the mind of a woman. There are times when it is as uncertain of its course as a bit of thistledown on a strong wind. Then again it becomes adamant as the rock of ages, or the beliefs of the Conservative party. Nothing can alter it—persuasion, threats, nor the soundest logic."—From an American monthly.

The German eagle may be a proud bird, and that of the U.S.A. quite the most glorious thing on earth, in American estimation; but the fact is that, after all, the native Australian eagle is the one! A bird shot at the other day at New Gisborne, which nestles (or squats) at the foot of Mount Macedon or thereabouts, was 'colored' by those who knew to be a record specimen of the wedge-tailed eagle. The wedge-tailed is the king of eagles, and is a distinctively Australian bird. So now the screaming advertiser of the U.S., and the too self-opinionated flier of the German Empire, may both say no more at present.

The wine-making school at Dookie Agricultural College is to be abolished. The edict has gone forth and the plant is to be sold, while the building once dedicated to the pressing of grapes, is to be used for purposes far more commonplace—perhaps, it has been suggested for a laundry. The question as to the advisability of continuing to instruct students in wine-making at the College was discussed on Wednesday, at a meeting of the Council of Agricultural Education, when the report of the committee upon the matter was introduced. Many parents had objected to sending students to the college, where they would be brought into actual contact with the process of manufacture of intoxicating liquor. Mr Osburn pointed out that quite a number of authorities at the College were of the opinion that the presence of the wine-making plant had had a detrimental effect upon the attendance of students. As an alternative to wine-making it was pointed out that possibly the grapes might be used for the preparation of unfermented grape juice. The council unanimously adopted the committee's recommendation that the making of wine should be discontinued.

Miss Primarude lisped to her lodger:

"Mister Barker! I'm sorry to say Miss Goldtooth complains of your coughing. I'm afraid she will leave me to-day. She declares that it sounds most distressful. And she told me to say she feels sure you'd be well to-day, if you start right away Taking Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

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