

before Major R. A. Moore, P.M., C. Kenney sued Wm. Aston for 15s., goods sold; verdict for plaintiff for amount claimed, and 5s. costs of court. Taylor & White sued R. W. Talbot for £15 4s., goods sold; verdict for plaintiff for the amount claimed, and 5s. costs of court; to be paid in instalments of £2 per month. D. Shepherd sued C. Dupuy for £20, value of dishonored promissory note; verdict for plaintiff for the amount claimed, and 5s. costs of court.

In Police Court yesterday, before Major R. A. Moore, P.M., the case against a Chinaman for stealing a ring, was heard. Mr. Wright appeared for the defence. The Police Magistrate after hearing the case for the prosecution dismissed the information saying that the witnesses contradicted each other. The afternoon was occupied in hearing charges of assault preferred by a Chinaman against a Kanaka. Mr. Wright appeared for the defence. The defendant was fined £10 and costs.

THE *Western Mail* gives the following as a genuine essay of a boy in a Cardiff Board-school. We confess we should like to see the original:—"King Henry 8 was the greatest widower that ever lived. He was born at Anne Dammo in the year 1066. He had 510 wives, besides children. The first was be-headed and was afterwards executed. The second was hanged. She never smiled again. Mr. Wright said the word "Calais" would be found on her lips after her death. The greatest man in this reign was Lord Sir Garret Wolsey. He was surnamed the Boy Bachelor. He was born at the age of 15 unmarried. Henry 8 was succeeded on the throne by his great grandmother, the beautiful and accomplished Mary Queen of Scots, sometimes known as the Lady of the Lake, or the Lay of the Last Minstrel."

THE Girls' State School, Mackay, broke up for the holidays on Thursday. The examination results are as follows: Sixth class: General proficiency, 1st prize (given by Mr. Exton) Aemely Ingemansen; 2nd prize, Eleanor Talbot. Mapping (black and white), 1st prize, Constance Macgregor; 2nd prize, Maggie Pirie. Original composition, 1st prize, Eleanor Talbot; 2nd prize (given by Mr. Wood), Aemely Ingemansen. Home exercise, 1st prize, Jane Dimmock. Fifth Class: Mapping, 1st prize, Edith Cooke; 2nd prize, Jane Smith. Original composition, 1st prize, Delia Lynch. Home exercise, 1st prize, Maria Scott. Fourth Class: Mapping, 1st prize, Clara Christiansen; 2nd prize, Edith Wright. Home exercise, 1st prize, Mary Cartner; 2nd prize, May Abandon. Third Class: Home exercise, 1st prize, Hilda Grahn. Second Class: Home exercise, 1st prize, Martha Davies; 2nd prize, Ethel Wright.

THE following telegram from the Meteorological Department was received at 10.30 last night by the manager of the Electric Tele-

graph Office, who kindly handed it in to us:—"There was a suspicious outlook this morning and unnecessary freshening of the S.E. wind is taking place. The barometric disturbance towards New Caledonia and the New Hebrides may back off; meantime if the barometer shows a large fall apart from thunderstorms with the continuance of the S.E. wind, we may expect the above disturbance. I advise you in the morning." The disturbance apparently did not back off, for soon after 1 o'clock last night the wind changed and a heavy fall of rain accompanied by some thunder and lightning followed. It was raining heavily at Bundaberg, so the editor of the *Super Journal* informs us, yesterday, so we shall probably have a downfall all along the coast.

OUR Grass Tree correspondent writes on December 14th:—"At a sports committee meeting held on Monday 12th, at Matternson's Hotel, the following resolutions were passed—viz: "That Mr. James Mackenzie's resignation as handicapper and master of the track be received." "That Mr. James Taylor be handicapper, and Mr. R. Simpson be master of the track." "That horses running in the Publican's Purse hack race, must be the bona fide property of the residents of Grass Tree only, for three months prior to the race." "That a special committee consisting of Messrs. J. Lynch, Landells, and Mathieson inspect the two tracks, the beach and black soil flat, and report on Tuesday evening the 13th." "That a committee meeting be held at Neilson's Hotel on Tuesday the 14th inst." At a committee meeting held at the Miners' Arms on Tuesday the 14th inst., it was finally resolved that the sports will be held on the beach, Boxing Day, the 26th inst. A heavy storm passed over here on Monday night, registering 3 in. The dam is nearly full, another inch of rain would give plenty of water for crushing purposes.

A MEETING of the McLaren Memorial Committee and subscribers was held in the Church of England School-room yesterday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. Present: Rev W. A. Turner, (treasurer, in the chair), Messrs. Davis, Burgess, and MacGregor; Messrs. O'Reilly, Marsh, Webster, Binney, F. H. Smith, and G. J. Perkins, (secretary). The chairman explained that the secretary had called the meeting by post-card in order that some definite action might be taken with the money in hand. They had a cr. account of £45 5s 5d in the bank and it arose out of the general discussion discussed that the brass altar-rails which had previously been decided upon would cost from £40 to £45. Mr. Webster proposed and Mr. O'Reilly seconded, "that the best (No 3 design) rails be ordered without telescopic slide and that they be erected without delay."—Carried. Upon the subject of a tablet which will be erected near the altar-rails as soon as funds are available it was proposed by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. F. H. Smith "that the secretary and committee