

DISTRICT NEWS.

Corowa.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Monday, June 17.

Wintry weather conditions prevail, but, on the whole, the season is a mild one, and grass appears to be making good headway.

The Redlands people recently decided to purchase a new piano for their School of Arts, and a social or two have been held to raise funds. A most successful smoke social took place last Wednesday evening, and, despite a counter attraction of a similar nature in Corowa, the function was largely patronised. The secretarial duties were in the hands of Mr. Sedgwick, and the result speaks volumes for his organising powers. The new piano, purchased from Messrs. W. H. Paling and Co., of Sydney, was to have been used for the occasion, but I did not hear whether it arrived in time.

The local bowling club held a most enjoyable smoke social in the new Oddfellows' Hall on Wednesday evening last. There was a very large attendance of bowlers and other gentlemen. Mr. A. Haig occupied the chair, and during the evening presentations of trophies won during the season were made to the winners, as follows:—Championship gold medal, Mr. G. H. Smith; junior trophy and pair of bowls, Mr. W. Tait; pairs competition (gold medals), Messrs. C. Jackson and W. Tait. The whole of the trophies were suitably inscribed. Mr. Smith has won the championship locally for the last three years in succession. A long toast list was gone through during the evening, and altogether a most enjoyable time was spent. The addition of the fourth rink at the green has been completed, and men are now finishing off the fixing of water connections right round the green. Everything should be in splendid order for the opening of the new season.

We had another fire here at about 12.30 last Thursday morning, the scene of the outbreak being a five-roomed weather-board cottage, owned by Mrs. C. McMahon, in Edward-street. The work of the fire brigade was somewhat hampered owing to the fact that on the hydrants being fixed in Edward-street and beneath of hose run

ern portion of the estate were offered and passed in at £5/5/ per acre, but the auctioneers report having sold privately 240 acres, at a considerable advance on this figure, to Mr. A. A. Piggin, of Corowa.

A five-year-old son of Mr. Layland, who resides in a cottage on Mr. K. Buggy's vineyard, had a most unenviable experience. The little fellow was despatched on a message to Mrs. Archer's residence, a distance of only a few hundred yards, at about dusk. As he did not return inquiries were made, when it was ascertained that he had not reached his destination. A search was made for him, but nothing further was heard of the child until next morning, when he was found by a daughter of Mr. Neander, at about 7 p.m., in a pitiable condition, near a log. He had been out in the cold and rain all night, but on being taken inside and attended to at Mr. Neander's he soon recovered, and was soon very little the worse for his exposure.

In connection with the Daysdale c.p. leases (the successful applicants for which I recently sent you) the eleven blocks have been allotted as follows:—Parish of Gordon—Portion 197 of 370a, William Murray, Tungamah, Vic. Portion 198 of 370a, Peter Cosgrove, Cosgrove, Vic. Portion 199 of 370a, Geo. Davy, Muskerrey East, Vic. Portion 200 of 360a, James M'Donald, Rutherglen, Vic. Portion 202 of 360a., John Patrick Ryan, Boomerang, Corowa. Portion 202 of 360a, Patrick Gavan Hickey, Balldale. Portion 203 of 430½a, George Jabet M'Bride, Merrang, Hexham, Vic. Portion 204 of 411a, William Robert Cullen, Wahgunyah, Vic. Portion 205 of 323¾a, Martin Clement Maher, Mulwala. Parish of Lowes—Portion 161 of 385½a, Alfred Robinson, Coreen, near Corowa. Parish of Granville.—Portion 194 of 386½a, Miss Annie Carmichael Munro, Esmond, Vic.

The first of the four rounds in the Corowa District Football Competition was concluded on Saturday, with the result that Wahgunyah leads with 12 points, Balldale second with eight points, Howlong third with four points, and Corowa (last year's premiers)—who up to the present have failed to score this season—last.

The meeting of the Wahgunyah and Balldale clubs on the Wahgunyah ground on Saturday was looked forward to with a deal of interest and as a consequence