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MESSRS. RANKEN & DOUGLAS, Brokers for the Oriental Bank, Ballarat and Geelong, purchase Gold at the highest price for Cash, Drafts on Melbourne, Geelong, and Sydney; or Oriental Bank Deposit Notes, payable at 3, 6, and 12 months date, and bearing interest at 3, 4, and 5 per cent. per annum.

Lydiard Street, Ballarat.

MONEY! MONEY!!—A few Hundred Pounds to be lent on Maiden Security.

Apply to Mr. LYNN, Solicitor, Lydiard street, Ballarat.

MONEY! MONEY!!—Money to lend, on approved Freehold Security; apply to Mr. O'Cook, Solicitor, Bath's Hotel, Ballarat.

Dated, June 15th, 1854.

NOTICES.

TO CASH PURCHASERS.

IMPORTER & ALE at 12s. 6d. per doz! Superior quality and good brands, at the Stores of the Subscribers, **BROWN, BROTHERS,** Great Malop Street West, Opposite Black Bull Inn, Geelong. N.B. Orders accompanied with Cash promptly attended to and despatched.

THE “ADELAIDE OBSERVER” Newspaper can be obtained at the Diggings on application to the undersigned. Agent in Victoria for proprietors in Adelaide.

Advertisements also received for same by

BRUCE ROSS, Agent, 11, Swanston street, Melbourne, Also the Sydney Empire, newspaper.

CHARTEREDWARE & CRYSTAL. John Riddoch & Co., Gt. Malop-street, Geelong, beg to inform the Storekeepers and others of Ballarat that they have always an immense assortment of earthenware and crystal, at the very lowest market price. Orders are punctually attended to, and the goods carefully packed; or if desired assorted crates as imported can at any time be forwarded.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND PRODUCE STORE, 17, Bourke-street, West, (opposite E. Row & Co.'s Victoria Sale Yards.)

M. BELFORD begs to inform storekeepers and others resident at Ballarat, Buninyong, and Creswick's Creek.



CONVEYANCES

Run Daily from Bath's Hotel to MELBOURNE AND GEELONG,

at 6 o'clock,

AND CRESWICK'S CREEK

at 9 o'clock,

Booking Office, Bath's Hotel.

BLOSSOM'S YARD—BOOKING OFFICE, Near the “Royal Mail Hotel,” Yarra street, Geelong.

W. and R. FARE, General Carriers

BLOSSOM'S YARD.—Goods and Merchandise forwarded to Ballarat and Melbourne daily.

BLOSSOM'S YARD.—Ballarat Goods at Melbourne sent to the steamers, addressed to the care of W. and R. Fare, Geelong, will be forwarded immediately, at current rates.

BLOSSOM'S YARD.—Melbourne Office, D. and G. Ford, 12, Elizabeth-street.

BLOSSOM'S YARD.—Goods and Merchandise stored at current rates.

BLOSSOM'S YARD.—A Passenger and Parcel Conveyance from Geelong twice a week.

W. & R. FARE, Proprietors.

CARRIAGE to Ballarat.—Blossom's Yard Booking Office, Elizabeth street, near the Railway station, and opposite the Union Bank, Queen street, Melbourne, Yarra street, Geelong, and at Paterson's, Bakery Hill, Ballarat. The undersigned, with the view of facilitating the transit of general merchandise, luggage, parcels, &c., to and from Melbourne, Geelong, and Ballarat, have established a Branch Receiving House and Booking Office, at Geelong, where a resident and competent agent will take charge of, and forward to their respective destinations all goods consigned to their care.

Those for the town of Geelong will be delivered immediately, on discharge of the steamer, and those for the interior forwarded by well-appointed horse-teams at least three times per week.

It would be most convenient that all goods should be brought to the office and duly booked, by which alone they are liable, but if sent to the wharf by consignors, directed to their care, they should be equally attended to; or, if more convenient, their collecting vans should call at any store, on application for the same.

DANIEL & GEORGE FORD, General Carriers.

P.S.—Accommodation for storing two or three hundred tons of goods at Geelong, if required, in transit. — Spring vans for removing furniture. — Goods



EVERY description of Fancy and General Printing, including Bill-Heads, Cheques, Cards, Circulars, Ground Plans, Law Forms, Forms of Agreement, Hand Bills, Posters, &c., &c., executed with accuracy and despatch.

For the convenience of those men of business who live on the diggings, at a distance from the Township, a

BRANCH OFFICE

Is now open on BAKERY HILL,

(next to the Queen's Theatre, and opposite Paterson's General Store), where advertisements and orders for the “Ballarat Times” will be received.

N.B.—All Job Printing to be paid for before leaving the office.

KING'S IRON STORE, Ballarat Flat.

M. & A. H. KING have on hands a large assortment of sheet, bar, and hoop iron, horse shoes, nails, rasps, files, pincers, knives, rag stones, shoeing, hand, sledge, and carpenters' hammers, blacksmiths' bellows, anvils, tuc-irons, grindstones, &c.; cast, shear, and blisteed steel; keyhole, tennon, hand, rip, cross-cut, and pit saws; galvanized sheet iron and zinc; carpenters' tools of all description; also, a large variety of grocery and drapery goods.

Red Flag, Blue Centre.

THE BALLARAT SONGSTER.

EDITED BY JAMES MULHOLLAND.

THE first of a series of Weekly Numbers of this much desired local Song Book will be published on the 30th December, simultaneously with the issue of the Ballarat Times.

It is intended to introduce two or more local songs in each number, as well as a choice collection of the most popular songs of the day, as sung by Barlow, Delaney, Greenhalgh, and the leading vocalists in Australia.

Each number will contain 16 pages Price one shilling.

“SMALL PROFITS AND QUICK RETURNS.”

IS the Motto of the undersigned, and to fully carry it out they beg to give notice that from this day out they will conduct their business on the

PAY TO DAY AND TRUST TO.

HOTELS, Etc.

CHARLIE NAPIER HOTEL.

SITUATE on the New Government road, Red Hill Flat.—The proprietors beg to inform the miners and public generally that this hotel is fitted up with every regard to comfort and economy. The wines, spirits, and malt liquors are of the very best quality. A superior hunting saloon is attached, and every other requisite to make this one of the most comfortable hotels in the colony.

PRIVATE SALES.

FOR Sale.—Store, Cottage, Stable, &c., together with, and built on Allotment 12, section 8, situated in Eyre-street between Doveton and Armstrong-streets. The store 66 x 12, with a most comfortable three-roomed cottage, and stable with loft 50 x 20. The whole well-built, and in a first-rate position for carrying on a large business; apply to

THOMAS WILLIAMS,

Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Gravel Pits; or to Mr. H. R. GOSLING, Wine and Spirit Merchant, Malop-street, Geelong.

THOMAS WILLIAMS having received large consignments of drapery from London direct is prepared to deal with storekeepers and others on terms that will prove advantageous to them.

Auction Mart, Bakery Hill Gravel Pits.

October 19, 1854.

NO Capitalists, Speculators, and Others.—For sale by private contract, one of the most convenient and handsomely built hotels in the colony, situated on a thoroughfare embracing the whole of the traffic from Geelong to Buninyong, Ballarat, Burnbank, Mount Alexander, Avoca, &c. Terms most easy. Apply to

THOMAS WILLIAMS, Auctioneer & Commission Agent Gravel Pits, Ballarat.

TIMBER! TIMBER!!



ON SALE, in any quantity, at Williams' Auction Mart, Bakery Hill, Ballarat.

Deal Quartering, assorted lengths; do Weather-boards, planed; American Pine Boards; Lining Boards; Cedar do Doors and sashes.

WARRENHEIP Saw Mills.—Mr George Graves begs to inform the inhabitants of Ballarat and the surrounding district, that he has opened a Saw Mill at Warrenheip, near to the

DISSOLUTION of PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE.—The Public will please take notice that the partnership hitherto existing between William Pavn and James Winnett, of Lydiard street, Ballarat, is hereby dissolved.

All parties indebted to the above are requested to pay their accounts on or before the 6th January, 1854.

(Signed) WILLIAM POYN.

In the Estate of J. C. Byrne, Insolvent.

GREAT Sale of the whole stock by order of the Official Assignee.

The inhabitants of Ballarat and the surrounding districts are informed that the whole of the above well assorted stock will be on sale at the Township Store for the next fourteen days, and intending purchasers will save a large per centage on the usual wholesale prices as the whole must be realized within the period stated.

Inspection Invited.

The Stock consists of the following articles.—

Groceries

Provisions

Ironmongery

Boots and Shoes

A large and varied assortment of Drapery and Clothing, Wines, Spirits, Beer, Oats, Bran, Barley, &c.

J. C. Byrne's well-known stock of draught horses, drays, carts, harness, &c, are also offered for immediate sale by private contract.

Ballarat, 24th Oct., 1854.

CHURCH of England Public School, Lydiard street Ballarat, conducted by an efficient Master and Mistress, under the superintendence of the Rev. J. R. Thacheray, M.A., Incumbent

The above school will be reopened on Monday, the 1st January, 1855, when Parents and Guardians are respectfully invited to visit the same, and avail themselves of this opportunity of affording children the advantages of a religious and commercial education.

Terms may be known on application. Ballarat, Dec. 28, 1854.

PRINCE ALBERT HOTEL.

Second Grand Dress Ball, Friday the 5th of January. Price for Admission, including Grand Supper:—a Gentleman with or without Ladies, 30s

Tickets to be had of Messrs Bradshaw and Salmon, and at the above Hotel until 12 o'clock, Thursday the 4th instant.

NEW YEAR'S PRIVATE BALL

at the Victoria Hotel, Red Hill. Dancing to commence at half-past eight o'clock. Mons. Paltzer's celebrated Quadrille Band will be in attendance.

QUEEN'S THEATRE, Bakery Hill.

Don't Forget! Bruton expects to see you all at his Benefit this evening to wish you

“A Happy New Year.”

TO DIGGERS AND OTHERS.

A FORTUNE to be made on Wednesday, 3rd January, 1855, Valuable Leasehold Property; Bourke Street.

BOWLING SALOON.

SYMONS & PERRY will submit to Public Competition, at the Commercial Sales Room, on Wednesday, 3rd January 1855, at 12 o'clock—

The un-expired Lease, terminating March 1856, of all those Premises known as the BOURKE STREET BOWLING SALOON, near the Post Office, now in full play, the frontage is 18 feet by a depth of 95 feet, with three excellent alleys, a handsome plate glass front, and fitted with refreshment counters, &c.

With the Premises will be sold a quantity of Furniture, now in use, a catalogue of which may be seen on application to the Auctioneers.

Over the Alley are five convenient apartments which may be used as a boarding establishment.

Terms of Payment will be made known at time of Sale.

IMPOUNDINGS.

ITALIAN, 30th of November, 1854.

1 brindle bullock, JT off rump, C or G TJ

reversed near rump

1 red sided cow, JR off rump, 25 off ribs, illegible brand near thigh

1 red and white cow, C and a diamond off rump

1 red cow, like JD conjoined near

Z

shoulder

1 strawberry poley cow, illegible brand in a circle off side, A off shoulder

1 dark brindle bullock, JJ near ribs, blotch near rump, 2 off rump, like CYW off ribs

1 yellow cow, IB near rump, white calf at foot

1 chestnut horse, saddle marked, shod, like H, or JL near shoulder, white stripe down face

To be claimed before 24th December.

On the 9th Dec., 1854.

1 bay mare, rope on neck, white on fore feet, shod, star, RC near shoulder

1 bay cob, black points, saddle marked, like C off shoulder, shod.

1 black mare, saddle and collar marked, star, blotch off ribs, shod.

1 black horse, blaze on face, JR conjoined off shoulder, W near shoulder.

1 dark chestnut mare, saddle marked, shod, like W near shoulder or star.

— off shoulder, W near shoulder.

1 black mare, saddle and collar marked, 4 conjoined near shoulder, IH near JM

neck, T off shoulder.

1 grey mare, saddle and collar marked, like W near shoulder, scar off neck.

1 bay mare, three white legs, blaze on face, C in a diamond near shoulder.

1 bay colt, hind feet white, star and snip, C in diamond under illegible brand near shoulder

1 bay mare, black points, star, long tail, no visible brand.

17, Bourke-street, West.

(opposite E. Row & Co.'s Victoria Salo Yard.)

BELFORD begs to inform storekeepers and other resident at Ballarat, Buninyong, and Creswick's Creek, that he has prepared to make up orders of green and preserved fruits, confectionery, hams, pickles, apices, sauces, Colonial potted butter, cheese, potatoes, oats, corn, maize, bran, &c., of the very best quality and brands, at the lowest possible prices for cash.

Reference at Ballarat: Mr. H. Seehamp, *Ballarat Times* Office, by whom remittances can be made.

CALIFORNIAN MART, Ballarat Township, back of the Post Office—To Storekeepers, &c.—Messrs. M. H. COBEA and CO., Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants, Grocers, &c., beg to inform their friends and the public generally, that they have now on hand an extensive and select stock of goods, to which they respectfully invite attention.

N.B. A quantity of empty casks and kegs for sale, at moderate prices.

FRESH! FRESH! FRESH!

COFFEE—Fresh ground coffee daily.

M. H. COBEA and CO.,
Township.

ROBERT UNDERWOOD, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchant, Armstrong Street, has now on hand for sale, a large and well-assorted stock, consisting of the following articles:—

Brandy, in hds. and cases.
Rum, best Jamaica, in hds. and puncheons.
Hill and Underwood's Old Tom in hds.

Booth's, Nicholson's, and Tanqueray's 4 to in cases.
Whisky in hds.

Port and Sherry Wines, in quarter-hds, hds, and cases.

Champagne in baskets and cases
Champagne Cider in cases
Claret in cases

Porter and Ale, in hds. and cases
Hill & Underwood's Vinegar, in draught

Teas Cheese
Sugar Pickles, in pts. & qts.

Toast ditto Mustard
Flour Pepper

White Peas Bottled Fruits, Jam

Preserved Lobsters, Salmon, Fresh Herrings Red Herrings in tin, Sardines

American, Westphalia, & Cumberland Hams

Bacon Soap
Treadle Sperm Candles

No. 2 Manilla Cheroots Tobacco
Tartaric Acid and Carbonate Soda
Lung Boots, and a large assortment of Ladies Boots and Slippers

A large assortment of Crockery, &c. &c. &c.

A lot of empty casks for sale.

DAVIEL & GEORGE FORD,
General Carriers.

P.S.—Accommodation for storing two or three hundred tons of goods at Geelong, if required, in transitu.—Spring vans for removing furniture.—Goods forwarded to Bendigo and Castlemaine.
dyk

BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL.

MISSSES CROWTHER beg to inform the inhabitants of Ballarat that they have opened a Day and Boarding School in the Township.

MRS. WALKER'S, Millinery Establishment, New road, Gravel Pits. Ladies' Drawn and Trimmed Bonnets. Ready made Dresses.

Mantles, Shawls, &c., and every article for Ladies' and Children's wear of the latest fashion.
Ladies' and Children's Boots and Shoes

R. SMITH,

STONEMASON and Builder, corner of Eureka-street and Lyliard-street. Hearth-stones, Head-stones, Tombs, and Monuments prepared at the shortest notice.

LIST of Legally Qualified Medical Practitioners, within the District of BALLARAT, who have produced their Colonial Certificates to the Secretary of the Medico-Chirurgical Society—

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Henry C. Leman | James Stewart |
| James Sutherland | Robert Carr |
| Wm. Macfarlane | N. A. Campbell |
| Wm. A. Heise | Thos. L. Holthouse |
| L. J. Williams | Timothy Doyle |
| George Clendinning | James Edmonston |
| Alfred Carr | Richard J. Hobson |
| Henry Mount | Augustus Boyle |

By order,
JAMES STEWART,
Secretary and Treasurer.

N.B.—The next General Meeting of the Society will be held at the "George" on Thursday, the 4th of January, 1855 at 4 p.m.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THIS is to give notice that I, the undersigned, will not be responsible for any debts that Mary Mitchell, alias Mary Edwards, may contract after this date.
(Signed) **RICHARD EDWARDS**,
December 22nd, 1854.

BALLARAT Hospital is situated on the Gravel Pits and is open for the reception of patients daily. Surgeon, James Stewart; Physician, James Sutherland.

Fees:—£5 per week, paid in advance. This includes medical attendance and medicines, and diet.

THE Motto of the undersigned, and to fully carry it out they beg to give notice that from this day out they will conduct their business on the

PAY TO DAY AND TRUST TO MORROW SYSTEM.

Every Article and all Repairs must be paid for before leaving the premises.

All open Accounts must be settled on or before January 20th, 1855.

A splendid assortment of whips, spurs, gig, tandem, chaise cart, and dray harness, always on hand—

Rifles, pistols, revolvers
Caps, powder, and shot
Belts, flasks, &c., &c.

DAVIES & SON,
Saddlers and Harness Makers,
Near the Post Office, Ballarat Township.

ADVANCE, BALLARAT!

JOHN STONEHAM,
FROM
PROVIDENCE RISE, GEELONG,

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of the gold-fields that he has arrived on Ballarat with his first van load of furniture, which will be sold in the store adjoining J. R. Proctor, jeweller, at the least possible advance upon Geelong prices; and as he intends opening a Cabinet Manufactory and Funeral establishment in Ballarat, his large van will bring up any article of furniture required from him

FREP OF COST.

All information to be obtained of J. R. Proctor, watchmaker and jeweller, Bakery Hill.

THE Largest and Best Library on Ballarat is at the **ANGUS OFFICE**, Bakery Hill.

THE Largest and most complete Letter Agency Office, is the **ANGUS OFFICE**, Bakery Hill.

THE Only Registry Office on Ballarat is at the **ANGUS OFFICE**, Bakery Hill.

CRESWICK GENERAL PRINTING OFFICE.

FRANCIS & PECK,
PRINTERS,
NEARLY OPPOSITE TO ROGERS' HOTEL,
CRESWICK'S CREEK.

POSTING Bills, Cards, Bill-heads, Circulars, Handbills, Labels, and every other description of Printing, on the shortest notice.

WARRENHEIP Saw Mills.—Mr George Graves begs to inform the inhabitants of Ballarat and the surrounding district, that he has opened a Saw Mill at Warrenheip, near to the dock, and is prepared to receive orders for every description of timber for building purposes at the lowest current rates.
December 14th, 1854.

QUICKSILVER

FOR SALE in iron bottles of 75 lbs each.
Edward Khul, Bullin Broker, Melbourne.

COMPTON HOUSE.

RED FLAG WITH WHITE BALL.

BAKERY HILL.

MRS. WILLEY, in returning thanks to her friends in Ballarat and its vicinity, begs to inform them that she has a large supply of

NEW GOODS,

Suitable for the season, consisting of Ladies' bonnets, Parasols, Silk, satin, glacé and muslin mantles, China caps, and French cashmere shawls, Paisley, Barège and tissue do, French and English stines, Glacé silks, French Merinos and turbans, Irish linen and calico, Dress caps, Widows do, Hosiery, Gloves, Ribbons, a large assortment of every description, Children's dresses, Ladies under clothing, Babies do, Mourning flowers, a splendid assortment, in every variety.

She has also constantly on hand a large supply of Wedding bonnets, Mourning do, Widows' do, Straw do, French kid shoes and boots, And a case of young ladies' Moire Antique, richly trimmed waders, Gentlemen's clothing of all kinds, Slops, &c., &c.

December 20, 1854.

NOTICE—Found Straying a Brindle Dog, between a mastiff and a bulldog. If not claimed within four days it will be sold to pay expenses.

Dated this 29th day of Dec. 1854,
EDWD LAYTON,
Cap.

QUEEN'S THEATRE, Bakery Hill.—Don't Forget! Bruton expects to see you all at his Benefit this evening to wish you

"A Happy New Year."

DO hereby give Notice, that I will not be responsible for any Debts my wife, Sarah Dillon, may contract after this date, having left my house without cause or provocation.
Jan. 1, 1855. — **WILLIAM DILLON**.

NOTICE—The remainder of the Cattle advertised for sale at the Ballarat pound, on Friday, December 29th, will be sold on Monday, January 1st.
DANIEL SWEENEY.

FOR SALE.

A VALUABLE Bay Mare, cost £60, to be seen at Bath's stables. If not disposed of privately, will be sold at Torrance's sale yard, next the Clarendon Hotel, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst.

NOTICE—The Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned Thomas James and Jonathan Crothers, as Butchers and General Dealers, at Creswick Creek, in the Colony of Victoria, is this day dissolved, so far as I am concerned, and of which I hereby require all persons to take notice.
Dated at Creswick Creek, this 29th day of December 1854.
THOMAS JAMES,
Witness, Adam Loxton Lynn,
Solicitor.

TO WATER CARTERS,

BALLARAT Water Company is now able to fill casks in one minute, at one shilling each.
Ballarat Water Works, Hotham-st, near the Swamp.
Blue Flag, Yellow Cross.

MRS. LILLY (adjoining Lilly and Miller's) has just received a large assortment of Ironmongery, Hardware, and Drapery, suitable to the season, and at very reduced rates.

Caution to Poundkeepers and Auctioneers

GOOD REWARD—Stolen from near the Black Hill, on the 29th Nov. a **DARK BAY HORSE**, Branded S S near shoulder, also one **LIGHT BAY HORSE**, with a slit in near ear, branded with two hearts on the off shoulder.

The above reward will be paid for such information as will lead to the conviction of the thief, on application to **John Burns** storekeeper to Thomas Russel, Eureka.

1 bay mare, three white legs, blaze on face, C in a diamond near shoulder.
1 bay colt, hind feet white, star and snip, C in diamond under illegible brand near shoulder.
1 bay mare, black points, star, long tail, no visible brand.
1 brown filly, no visible brand.
1 dark brown or black mare, hind feet white, C or G near shoulder, stripes on face, foal at foot.
1 black colt, long tail, draught breed, no visible brand.
1 brown filly, white on feet, stripes on face, no visible brand, about two years old.

1 brown mare, black points, PL near C

shoulder, (the PL conjoined), W under saddle near side, like 2 off shoulder.

1 strawberry cow, IC near rump.
1 red-sided policy cow, IC near loin, Y4 near rump, S near shoulder.

1 red and white bullock, H near rump, H off ribs.

1 red bullock, like C in circle near thigh, blotch off rump.

1 red and white bullock, B near rump, C near back.

1 red bullock, pannic brand off ribs 2 off rump.

1 red bullock, O off ribs, ITH off rump.

To be claimed before 2d January, 1855.

FREDRITH, 7th December, 1854.

1 brindles bullock, C near rump, C off shoulder.

1 red and white spotted bullock, H top near shoulder, A off rump, illegible near hip.

1 strawberry bullock, like S or J and illegible brand near ribs, D near horn, like 7 near rump, 1 FC off ribs.

1 yellow bullock, snail horns, ear marked, G near ribs, JR conjoined off ribs 4

HO and rump

1 strawberry bullock, like HO H off rump, WJ off ribs, JK conjoined off shoulder, B or B near shoulder.

1 red and white bullock, ear marked, CD off ribs, rope on head, like 30 off rump.

1 dark red bullock, white spots, indecipherable brand off shoulder.

1 dark red bullock, AB and like HM near ribs, short tail, HC or G off rump.

On 28th December.
1 bright bay mare, white face, saddle and collar marked, both hind and near fore fetlocks white, little white under neck, long switch tail, in huddles, E off neck.
To be claimed before 8th January, 1855.

Ballarat Business Directory.

Sale of reduced charges for advertising Names, Residences, Professions, Trades, etc., at Ballarat. (Not to exceed thirty words.)

| Month | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 10 | 10 | 13 | 19 | 12 | 14 | 15 |
| 15 | 15 | 19 | 14 | 13 | 110 | 112 |
| 20 | 15 | 13 | 19 | 113 | 117 | 118 |
| 25 | 18 | 07 | 114 | 118 | 22 | 214 |
| 30 | 100 | 110 | 118 | 24 | 28 | 2 |

MEDICAL.

- CLENDINNING**—Dr. Clendinning, A.M., Surgeon, &c., Hospital, Red Hill, Ballarat.
- HOLSON**—Hobson and Warner, Surgeons, &c., between the Gravel Pits and Foul Hill, and at Bakery Hill, beyond the National School.
- NEWMAN**—Newman & Co., Chemists, &c., Peartree Hill, Ballarat.
- ROBINSON**—Robinson and Cole, Wholesale and Retail Chemists, New Road.
- SICKLER**—A. Sickler, M.D., Surgeon and Accoucheur, next the Baths, adjoining the bridge, new road.
- STEWART**—Mr. James Stewart, Surgeon &c., Ballarat Hospital, Bakery Hill, Gravel-Pit.
- WILLS**—Dr. Wills, Surgeon and Accoucheur, Bakery Hill.

LEGAL.

- LYNN**—Adam Loftus Lynn, Solicitor, Lydiard street.
- O'COCK**—Mr. O'Cook, Solicitor, Bath's Hotel.

BANKS.

- AUSTRALASIA**—The Bank of Australasia, corner of Lydiard and Sturt Streets.
- N. S. WALES**—The Bank of New South Wales, Lydiard-street.
- VICTORIA**—Bank of Victoria, Ballarat, the Stone Building, Lydiard-street, three doors south of the Post Office.
- VICTORIA**—Bank of Victoria, Avoca, near the Commissioner's Camp.

GOLD BUYERS.

- BRADSHAW**—Bradshaw and Salmons, Gold Buyers, &c., Eureka.
- DIXIE**—Dixie and Parkin, Gold Brokers and Commission Agents, next to the Bank of Australasia, Lydiard Street.
- FORSAYTH**—Forsayth, James and Son, Gold Brokers, Bakery Hill, Gravel Pits.
- RANKEN**—Ranken and Douglas, Gold Brokers, next to the George Hotel.
- VINES**—Joshua Vines, Gold Buyer, &c., Creswick's Creek Township.

WINE MERCHANTS.

- COBEA**—M. H. Cohea & Co., Wholesale Wine and Spirit Store, Grocers, &c., near the Ballarat Times Office.
- DIMANT**—Alexander Dimant, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchant, and General Storekeeper, Devon Street.
- SURPLICE**—W. Surplice and sons, Wine, Spirit, and General Merchants, Lydiard-st. Township.
- UNDERWOOD**—Robert Underwood, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchant, Armstrong-street.

AUCTIONEERS.

- HARRINGTON**—Robert Harrington and Co. Auctioneers, Commission Agents, &c., Bath's Hotel.
- HARRIS**—Henry Harris, Auctioneer Valuator, Eureka, Auction Mart, Bakery Hill.
- HUGHES**—C. H. Hughes, Auctioneer and Draper, Iron Store, Maiden Hill.
- JONES**—Isaac Jones and Company, Auctioneers, Commission Agents, and general Contractors, Bath's Hotel.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

| On London, at 30 days sight, at 5 per cent prem. | ISSUE DRAITS. |
|--|---------------|
| Sydney | 1 |
| Hobart Town | 1 |
| Launceston | 1 |
| Adelaide | 1 |
| Melbourne Bay | 1 |
| Maitland | 1 |
| Newcastle | 1 |
| Melbourne | 1 |
| Geelong | 1 |
| Ballarat, 3rd June, 1854. | |

BANK OF VICTORIA, BALLARAT.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

| On London, at 30 days sight, 3 per cent prem. | DRAITS ISSUED. |
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| Sydney, at sight | 1 |
| Hobart Town | 1 |
| Launceston | 1 |
| Adelaide | 1 |
| Belfast | 1 |
| Bendigo | 1 |
| Castlemaine | 1 |
| Avoca | 1 |
| Geelong | 1 |
| Melbourne | 1 |
| Bank of Victoria, Lydiard Street, 1 September, 1854. | |

The public will observe that the rate of Exchange on London is now 3 instead of 4 per cent. prem. December 13.

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA, BALLARAT.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

| BILLS PURCHASED. | | DRAITS ISSUED. | |
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| At 30 days | percent | At 30 days | percent |
| London | 1 prem. | London | 3 prem. |
| 30 days addl. | 1/2 dis. | 30 days addl. | 1/2 dis. |
| Sydney | 1 | Sydney | 1 prem. |
| Maitland | 1 | Maitland | 1 |
| Ipswich, M Bay | 1 | Ipswich, M Bay | 1 |
| Melbourne | 1 | Melbourne | 1 |
| Geelong | 1 | Geelong | 1 |
| Belfast | 1 | Belfast | 1 |
| Portland | 1 | Portland | 1 |
| Hobart Town | 1 | Hobart Town | 1 |
| Launceston | 1 | Launceston | 1 |
| Adelaide | 1 | Adelaide | 1 |
| 15 days addl. | 1 | 15 days addl. | 1 |

RATES OF DISCOUNT.

On Bills not having more than 100 days to run 7 per cent.; on Bills beyond that currency 8 per cent.

LETTERS addressed to Mr Rich. Morvel, and Mr H. Lockhart, are now lying at the Times office, Township.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS having any demand against me are requested to send in their accounts.

H. SEEKAMP.

January 1st, 1855.

The Ballarat Times.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1855.

"Nothing extenuate, nor set down ought in malice."

TO OUR READERS.—A happy new year to you all, and that you may have better health, more wealth, and much more justice this year than during the one just past, is the earnest prayer of your fellow labourer—the Editor.

THE FOREIGNERS.

Who are the Foreigners? Where are the Foreigners? What is it that constitutes a Foreigner? These are questions that have been occupying our attention and consideration for some time past.

...of when people, and contribute towards the development of its resources and its wealth is no longer a foreigner but an Australian, a title fully as good, if not better, than that of any of the inhabitants of the various geographical divisions of the world. The latest immigrant is the youngest Australian; and the moment before Sir Charles Hotham put his foot on our shores, he was as much, and more, a foreigner, than any person then in the country. Let such an appellation then be henceforth set aside, which is as illogical as it is insulting, and as untrue as it is unjust.

In conclusion, we deem it our duty to contradict the statement that the late disturbance at Ballarat was caused by persons generally termed foreigners, which has been made under false representations to the Colonial Government, for out of nearly 800 men who took part in it, the number of foreigners was very, very small.

LATER NEWS FROM THE CRIMEA.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

Advertiser Office,

Friday, 29th Dec.

H.M. Brig Lily, arrived in Hobson's Bay, from Singapore, brings the following news from the seat of war.

Alexandria, October 17th.—To day we have news from Constantinople. The Allies had offered the Russians battle at Belbecon, on the Crimea, which had been refused, and the Russians had taken refuge within the walls of Sebastopol.

The Artillery of the Allies were in a position to bombard Sebastopol, but had given the Russians forty-eight hours to reply to the demand to surrender.

Malta, October 18.—The latest news from Sebastopol is that the bombardment had commenced, and it is expected that the town and forts would be in the possession of the allies in forty-eight hours. Nine thousand marines had been landed and a large number of guns. The forts were being shelled.

General Telkelkanon, captured at Alma died at Constantinople from his wounds.—Geelong Advertiser.

[By this it is evident that the former report of the taking of Sebastopol was unfounded. The contradiction of the report, after such general rejoicing, not only in Europe, but also here in Australia, is rather vexing; but it is to be hoped we shall soon have real grounds for congratulation on this subject.]

GOVERNMENT AUCTIONEER.

We learn by a late Gazette that Mr. Thos. Williams, of Bakery Hill, has been appointed Government Auctioneer for Land Sales at Ballarat. From the well-known integrity and business habits of Mr. Williams, we are confident that the appointment will prove a happy one, alike satisfactory to the people and the Government. Mr. Williams is still in a precarious state from the consequences of the late coach accident at Ballarat. A few days, however, will put him on a mending way.

BALLARAT AND CRESWICK RACES.

St. Patrick and Bucky were withdrawn. Jeanette and Bessy Bedlam were favourites against the field.

GOLD MOUNTAIN WALK OF 25 SOVS.—The gift of Mr. Proctor of Ballarat, for all horses. Town Plate, weights, and distance. Entrance two sovs.; half forfeit.

- S. Waldoek's, St. Patrick .. 1
- L. Pedrao's, Eureka .. 2
- John McDonald's, Hector.

Hector's rider was thrown and his saddle became displaced. He had a small race on his own account, with the saddle seat earthward.

SECOND DAY.

CAMP PURSE of not less than 100 sovs. for all horses, distance two miles. Melbourne Town Plate weights. Winner of Ballarat Town Plate to carry 5 lbs. extra. 5 sovs. entrance, half forfeit, second horse to save his stakes.

- S. Waldoek's, S. Patrick .. 1
- M. Edean's, A. Echolder .. 2
- H. N. Simson's Tomboy .. 3
- T. Bury's, Cardinal .. 4
- H. Swindell's, Bessy Bedlam.
- T. Hayes's, Bucky
- W. Keating's, Warrigall.
- James Watt's, Skipper.
- A. Turner's, Caledonia.
- J. V. Emmett's, Smuggler.

BALLARAT ST. LEGER of 150 sovs. for 3 years olds, 8 stone 7 lbs. mares and geldings allowed 3 lbs. Distance one mile and half. Entrance 10 sovs., one-half forfeit.

- H. N. Simson's Clair .. 1
- W. Keating's, Jeanette .. 2
- H. Swindell's, Victoria .. 3
- W. Payne's, Harbinger.

PONY RACE, of not less than 50 sovs., for all ponies, 14 hands and under. Heats one mile, catch weights. Entrance 5 sovs.

- E. Rowe's, Malta .. 1 1
- M. Fallon's, Kitty Darling .. 2 3
- James Watt's, Budgery .. 2
- J. Menahan's, Pony.
- J. W. Eicke's, Kitty Darling.
- H. Swindell's, Butterfly.
- J. McDonald's, Colac Lass.
- J. P. Smart's, Little Flirt.

GOLD CUP—Presented by Dr. Leman, of the value of 50 sovs., for all horses. Town Plate, weights and distance. Entrance 5 sovs.

- J. V. Emmett's, Smuggler .. 1
- W. Keating's, Peter Simple .. 2
- H. Swindell's, Van Tromp .. 3
- G. Milner's, Caroline.
- S. Waldoek's, St. Patrick, withdrawn.

THIRD DAY.

CRESWICK CUP of 150 sovereigns, for all horses. Three miles. Town Plate weights. Entrance, 10 sovereigns, half forfeit; winner to pay £20 to Race Fund. Winner of any previous race to this meeting to carry 3 lbs. extra.

- T. Hayes's, Bucky .. 1 1
- W. Keating's, Jeanette .. 2 2
- J. Watt's, Slasher .. 4 3
- H. N. Simson's, Pretty Boy .. 3 dis.
- H. Swindell's, Bessy Bedlam withdrawn.

PUBLICANS' PURSE, given by the Publicans of Ballarat and Creswick, with not less than 400 sovereigns added from the fund. Town Plate weights. Heats, one mile and half. Entrance, 5 sovereigns.

- S. Waldoek's, St. Patrick .. 1 1
- M. Fallon's, Echolder .. 2 3

The struggle and hurdle races gave rise to the usual number of "spills" and other mishaps; in one instance we fear the fall may prove fatal.

To wind up the day's sport came a HACK RACE, with the following entries and results:

- Hunter (under protest) .. 1
- Folan .. 3
- Hopburn .. 3
- Davies
- Peterson
- Milner
- Clarke
- Robertson
- Haythorne

Tuesday was very hot, with clouds of dust, which, however, were laid during the night, rendering Wednesday the best day of all for sport. Thursday and Friday, during the after part of the day, were very uncomfortable, owing to the sudden change of the weather. The afternoons of these days rendered a visit to the course more an act of martyrdom than pleasure. On Friday evening, one of the returning conveyances met with an accident, which caused several serious injuries to many of the passengers. Saturday was occupied in settling private matches, so that with Old Father Christmas, five days' good racing, and a race dinner and ball crowded into one week, we ought to have enjoyed ourselves.

Will this week's holiday affect the escort?

THE STATEMENT OF FRANK ARTHUR HASLEHAM.

(Now lying wounded at Ballarat.)

"Whereas, I, Frank Arthur Hasleham, a native of the good town of Bedford, and son of a military officer to wit William Gale Hasleham, who bore his Majesty's commission in the 18th Foot at Talavera, and afterwards retired from the 6th veteran battalion.

"Whereas, I, the aforesaid, having, in my capacity of newspaper correspondent at Ballarat, shown, on all proper occasions in general, and especially during the late insurrectionary movement here, a strong instinctive leaning to the side of law, authority, and loyalty, was, on the morning of the 3rd instant, fired at and wounded at a time when the affray was over, and the forces with their prisoners were on the point of returning to the Camp, and in a place whence the scene of action was invisible, and when no other bloodshed had taken place.

"On these considerations I desire to make on oath the following statements of facts, as they occurred, and as witnessed by others:—

"Shortly after daybreak in the morning mentioned, my three mates and myself were aroused from sleep by the fire of musketry, a great proportion of the balls whistling over our tents. The tent is pitched on a rising ground at 500 yards south of the stockade; the tent and stockade, each situated on an eminence, are separated by a large gully running east and west, and comprising in its breadth nearly the whole of the distance above specified. The tent was alarmed at the continuous firing, and we at last got up and went outside, thinking to find a place of shelter or comparative security. After I had gone

THE GOLD FIELDS COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.

To our Fellow Labourers, the Diggers of Victoria.

On Tuesday, the 19th December, the Diggers of Ballarat, in public meeting assembled, appointed a Committee to assist in procuring the evidence to be placed before the Commission of Enquiry lately appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to enquire into the political grievances of the Diggers, the management of the gold fields, and the causes of the recent armed resistance to the officials. Three able and trustworthy men were also appointed to sit with the Commission, for the purpose of watching the evidence, and putting such questions to the witnesses examined as would elicit the truth.

The Committee takes this opportunity to express its satisfaction with the gentlemen forming the Commission of Enquiry, and of the way in which they have, up to the present date, conducted the Enquiry. The Committee would urge upon their fellow Diggers the importance of taking similar steps to aid the Commission in the different gold fields that may be visited. Written statements of all matters involved in the Enquiry will be received by the secretary of the Commission at Melbourne, during their sitting, prior to giving in their report.

The old proverb that "what is everybody's business is nobody's business" is very applicable to the present occasion. None but the Diggers themselves can truly aid in getting the best witnesses to appear and give their important evidence. Agitation and effort must be unceasing if we would gain those rights and privileges which we hold to be our due. Nothing can better aid us now than the present Enquiry. It will enable us to increase public opinion on our side, and to awaken and stimulate the indifferent and apathetic. It gives us an opportunity to prove our case, which ought not to be lost, and which if lost may not occur again. Neither prejudice nor irritation should mar this opportunity. We must never tire of reiterating our wrongs, of explaining and proving our grievances, till they are redressed. The Lieutenant Governor has pledged himself to carry out the recommendations of the Commissioners, as far as his powers will enable him. Whether he does or does not makes no difference in our duty. It is for us to take care that there can be no excuse of ignorance. If the people of this colony are to get no redress, either through the state of the law, or the incapacity of officials, let us take care that the people know the cause.

The future is before us pregnant with good or evil. It depends greatly upon ourselves what the future shall be. If we destroy the possibility of a plea of ignorance, the disasters that are sure to come if our grievances were not redressed will weigh upon the heads of those in authority, and every honest and intelligent man will exonerate us, and allow that we did our duty to the uttermost.

The Committee is desirous of the co-operation of their fellow Diggers in a matter which it feels assured will command their sympathy. There are a great many men who are fugitives from Ballarat—men who having taken part in

Commission Agents, and general...
LILLY—Lilly and Miller, Auctioneers, Commission Agents, and General Brokers, opposite Townshlp.
MORGAN—Henry Morgan and Co., Auctioneers, etc., Doveton-street, Townshlp, and Red-Hill Flat.
ODDI—James Oddie, Auctioneer, Land and Commission Agent, Dana-st., Ballarat.
TORRANCE—Wm. A. Torrance, Auctioneer, Valuer, Consignor, Commission Agent, Auction Mart, Gravel Pits.
TYRRE—Tyre, Green, & Co., Auctioneers, Land, and Commission Agents, and Share Brokers, Gravel Pits Flat.
WILLIAMS—Thomas Williams, Auctioneer, General Commission Agent, etc. Bakery Hill.

HOTELS, ETC.
EXCELSIOR—Excelsior Board and Lodging House, Red Hill Flat.
HYRON—Lord Hyron Dining Rooms, next Argus Office, Bakery Hill, W. F. Ross, Proprietor.

STOREKEEPERS.
BRADSHAW—Bradshaw and Salmon, Wholesale and Retail Storekeepers, Eureka.
CAMERON—William Cameron, Wholesale and Retail General Storekeeper, Golden Point, Ballarat.
CHALMERS—A. and H. B. Chalmers, Wholesale and Retail Storekeepers, Armstrong-st., Ballarat and Mercer-st., Geelong.
MOODY—Moody, Nichols and Smith, Wholesale and Retail American Store, Adam's Express.
PATERSON—P. Paterson, Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper, Gravel Pits Hill.
TULLOCH—Tulloch and McLaren, Wholesale and Retail Storekeepers, Lydiard Street.
WHITFIELD—Whitfield, Bros. and Co., General Storekeepers, Ballarat, Corio Street, Geelong, and Gr. at Bourke Street, Melbourne.
WELLY—Mr. Welly, Draper and General Storekeeper, opp. to Argus Office, Bakery Hill.

EDUCATION.
CROWTHER—The Misses Crowther Boarding and Day School, Doveton-street.

ARTISANS.
CODLIN—Codlin, Smith, Farrier, etc., Lydiard Street, near Bath's Hotel.
DAVIES—Davies and Son, Saddlers, Harness Makers, and Leather Sellers, Lydiard Street, Townshlp, and near the Crown Hotel, Buninyion.
RIBBYNORTH—Ribworth and Douglas, sign painters, and fancy decorators, Bakery Hill, near "Times" office.
BREKIDT—George Street, Gun Maker, Gravel Pits near Argus Office.
WATSON—R. Watson, Smith, Farrier, Wheelwright, etc., Armstrong Street, near Ballarat Times Office.

PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.
ARCADE—Arcade House and American Bowling Saloon, Red Hill, near Theatre.
QUEEN'S—Queen's Theatre, Queen Street, Bakery Hill, J. S. Lacey, Proprietor.

MISCELENEOUS.
BALLARAT—Ballarat Bakery, Bakery Hill.
DAFTON—Dartton and Walker, Tent, Turpaulin, and Flag Makers, Blue striped Store, New Road, Gravel Pits.
OWENS—C. H. Owens, Sarsaparilla Brewery, Wholesale and Retail, Doveton Point, opposite Mr. Welly's residence.
WHITNEY—J. Whitney, Excelsior, Doveton street.

and consideration for some time past.
 Sir Charles Hotham and several members of our model Legislative Council have asserted that the whole and sole cause of the late disturbance at Ballarat is the presence and influence of foreigners; and official, semi-official, and other such twaddling journals in the different colonies, who have not the independence, if they know it to be false, to contradict the assertion, nor the honesty and brains to assure themselves of the falsity or the veracity of such a statement, have echoed and re-echoed the word *foreigners* until it has become a ste cote-pel and worn out.

"The foreigners have said this," "the foreigners have done that," have been the incessant repetitions for the last month, of the Governor and every official lacquey and hanger-on, of not only the Melbourne government, but that of all the other colonies. Anyone unconnected with office, who is not quite so conversant with the English language as some of our Legislative Councillors (?) has been held up to the public as a dangerous and treasonable character.

Poor Governor Hotham! Could you not have found some other and more truthful excuse for all the illegal and even murderous excesses committed by your soldiery and butchers? Could you not admit that the whole affair was brought about by acts of our tyrannical, corrupt, and unjust local government? Why did you disregard our memorials and entreaties, our prayers and our cries for justice and protection against your unjust stewards here, until the people sickened by hope deferred, and maddened by continued and increased acts of oppression, were driven to take up arms in self defence? The cause assigned by you, based on the well-known antipathy of the old Anglo-saxon race to anything not English, was very well chosen, and told with wonderful effect at the time, and went down admirably with some, who, like the Pharisee of old, thanked God they were not as other men are—Irish, Scotch, Welsh, Americans, French Germans, Italians, and other such ungodly men. No, they paid their licenses and taxes, were ever respectful and obedient to gold or silver lace, never complaining, to any extent patient and submissive; in short they were Englishmen, and all other men were rebellious foreigners.

The Lord brings us back to the question: "What is it that constitutes a foreigner?" What is this country else than Australia? Is it any more England than it is Ireland or Scotland, France or America, Italy or Germany? Is the population, wealth, intelligence, enterprise and learning wholly and solely English? We are rather inclined to doubt that it is, and in so far as regards Victoria, unhesitatingly assert that it is not. No, the population of Australia is not English, but Australian and *coloured*. Anyone who dares to say this country, no matter from what

Our first local Race meeting began on the 26th December, and as far as the public matches were concerned, terminated on the 29th. A number of private matches were got up and the racing continued another day. Taking into account that the meeting had been postponed from the 12th to the 26th, that it was the first, and that recent events were but ill-calculated to promote sporting affairs, we consider that the first Ballarat and Creswick Races have gone off well. By our next annual meeting such arrangements will be made as to place them on an equality with the oldest and best regulated courses in the colony.

The originally appointed stewards were Messrs Rea, Johnstone, Ferrars, Bath, Hepburn, Evans, and Dimant, of whom, however, but the last three took any part. The able assistance of Mr. F. W. Eicke was secured, and tended greatly to aid the stewards in their by no means easy task. During the first day the sport was kept back till owing to an accident to the weighing apparatus. Such matters should be carefully seen to in time, as it is too much to expect large assemblages of people to remain patient under a scorching sun. We consider ninetenths of the "serenades" on the first day are attributable to the delay referred to.

Pending the arrival of the scales the stewards ordered the
HACK RACE of 3 sovereigns each, with £20 added from the fund, for all untrained horses; catch weights; heats one mile.

- Mr. Keating's bay horse... 1
- Mr. Payne's... 2
- Mr. T. Hayes's black mare
- Mr. Haythorn's chestnut mare
- Mr. Pallan's grey
- B. Hepburn's brown gelding
- B. Hepburn's chestnut gelding.

Keating's hope Soldier had it all his own way.
MAIDEN RACE of not less than £100 for all horses that have never won an advertised race. One mile. Entrance 5 sovereigns. One half forfeit. Weights, 3 years 8 st; 4 years, 8 st 7 lb; 5 years, 9 st 5 lb; 7 years and aged, 10 st 4 lb.

- S. Waldeck's, St. Patrick... 1
- J. V. Emmett's Smuggler... 2
- H. Swidells, Victoria
- John Milnes Freeholder,
- H. N. Simson's Cain.
- Jam. Watt's Skipper.
- George Milnes, Caroline.
- John M. Donald's Minnetta.
- Jam. Hunter's Mastrooper.
- L. Pedranna Eureka.

BALLARAT TOWN PLATE of not less than 10 sovs. Melbourne Town Plate, weight and distances for all horses. Entrance 7 sovs., half forfeit.

- M. Keating's Jeanette... 1
- T. Hayes, Buckley... 2
- Jm Smith, Why Not... 3
- J. Swindell's, Bessy Bedlam... 4
- H. N. Simson's, Pretty Boy.
- Jess. Watt, Blackbird.

- M. Pallan's Freeholder... 2 3
- J. V. Emmett's Smuggler... 3 2
- J. Milner's Caroline.
- W. Keating's Warrigall.
- F. Bury's Cardinal.
- H. N. Simson's Tom Boy.
- Caledonia, Buckley, Van Tromp, and Why Not were withdrawn altogether, and Tom Boy for the second heat.

GOLD DIGGERS PLATE of any amount that may be subscribed by the Diggers of Ballarat and Creswick, with 50 sovs. added from the Fund. Town plate-weights and distance. Entrance 10 sovereigns; winner to pay £20 to the fund.

- T. Hayes's Buckley... 1 1
- W. Keating's Jeanette... 2 2
- H. Swindell's Bessy Bedlam withdrawn.

LADIES' PURSE, presented by the ladies of Ballarat and Creswick of not less than 100 sovereigns. For all horses the *bona fide* property of residents in the mining districts of Ballarat and Creswick at least one month previous to the day of starting. Distance, 1 mile and a half. 11 stone; gentlemen riders. Entrance 5 sovereigns.

- S. Waldeck's St. Patrick... 1
- F. Bury's Cardinal... 2
- R. McDonald's Cornborough withdrawn.
- J. Wood's Wizard withdrawn.

FOURTH DAY.
CONSOLATION STAKES of 30 sovereigns with a sweepstakes of 2 sovereigns each, for all horses beaten during the meeting, to be handicapped by the stewards or whom they may appoint. Distance, two miles.

- F. Bury's Cardinal... 1
- H. N. Simson's Tom Boy... 2
- M. Pallan's Freeholder... 3
- W. Keating's Warrigall
- W. Payne's Washinger—distanced.

DOWLING FOREST STEEPLE CHASE of a sweepstakes of fifteen sovereigns each, half forfeit, with not less than 200 sovereigns added from the fund. Over three miles, with twelve leaps of four feet high. The second horse to receive 50 sovereigns from the stakes; the winning horse to pay £20 to the fund. Weights, 11 st., 7 lb.

- A. C. Turner's Lottery... 1
- S. Waldeck's Ivanhoe... 2
- J. Watt's Slasher... 3
- W. Keating's Peter Simple.
- B. Parcell's Tall Boy.
- G. Watson's White Squall, late Fidgett.

HACK HURDLE RACE of 60 sovereigns, for untrained horses. Entrance, three sovereigns. Catch weights; over the same country as the previous race.

- Hunter's Conjuror... 1
- A. C. Turner's Rocket... 2
- Watson's Doctor... 3
- Evans' Kitty.
- J. V. Emmett's Triton
- J. Milner's Bugle.
- L. Pedranna's Jerry.
- Ben Bolt.
- Colin's Tom Robertson

thinking to find a place of shelter or comparative security. After I had gone outside the firing gradually fell off, the stockade was unoccupied, the insurgents' flag was struck, and whatever fighting was then going on, was confined to the lower slope of the hill on which the stockade was situated. As some desultory firing was still going on, I advanced about 50 yards down the gully, in order to ensure safety by getting on lower ground; by this time, with the exception of an occasional cheer from the military or police, everything was perfectly quiet, and from where I stood neither soldier nor trooper was to be seen. A few minutes after a small detachment of mounted police made its appearance on the hill, and drew up in line on either side of the stockade, the officer in command seemed to be haranguing them. I was standing about three hundred yards from them, several other people being near at hand. I saw three troopers leave the ranks and advance towards me, when one of them who rode considerably a-head of the other two arrived within halting distance; he hailed me as a friend. Having no reason to think otherwise of him, I walked forward to meet him. After he had jured me within earshot, namely about four paces, he levelled his holster pistol at my breast and shot me. Previous to this, and while advancing towards each other, he asked me if I wished to join his force; I told him I was unarmed and in a weak state of health, which must have been plain to him at the time, but added that I hoped this madness on the part of the diggers would soon be over; upon that he fired.

"I told him who and what I was; that he had made a grievous mistake; that he had killed me but I forgave him. To do the man justice he appeared much perplexed at his conscious of having done wrong, but his comrades who had posted themselves in the rear, coming gallantly on, threatening me with sword and pistol, he seemed to stifle his feeling of the moment, and became as blustering as a boy; they then drove me between them towards the detachment before-mentioned threatening to cut me down every time I halted or staggered from exhaustion. Before we reached the detachment two other troopers rode out to meet us, one of them presenting a long pistol, wished to fire at me, but was prevented. I was then searched for fire-arms, but need scarcely say this was done to no purpose. I was then handcuffed, and ordered to keep up with the troops, who set forth at a trot to join the main force at the other side of the stockade. I ran with them some twenty or thirty yards, my wound bleeding profusely, when I began to feel myself failing, and seeing nothing but certain death in some shape or another in store for me, unless I could make my escape, I took the advantage of a sharp turn, and finally succeeded in eluding pursuit.

"Eureka, Ballarat, December 23, 1854

There are a great many men who are fugitives from Ballarat—men who having taken part in the late armed movement are liable to arrest, but who are not specially named by the Government. To enable these men to return, some to their wives and families, all to their work, it is proposed to hold a Public Meeting to petition the Lieutenant Governor to grant a general amnesty and to appoint delegates to at once wait upon his Excellency with such petition. If such meetings were held at all the Gold Fields they would aid greatly towards achieving the object in view.

Yours fraternally,
 By order of the Committee,
J. BASSON HUMPHREY.

[Communicated]
CORONER'S INQUEST.—An inquest was held on Wednesday at the Sir Charles Hotham Hotel, Dalton's Flat, touching the death of a foreigner, Svend Brewick who was smothered in a hole on Sinclair's hill, on Tuesday the 26th instant. From the witnesses it appeared he was engaged in drawing slabs from an old hole, when some fell to the bottom, and in his endeavours to recover them, unfortunately lost his life, owing to several tons of earth falling upon him. The evidence went to prove that two hours elapsed ere he was taken out, and was then quite dead.

[Communicated]
CRESWICK.—On Tuesday afternoon, at four o'clock, the better half of a digger presented her liege lord with three fine, healthy sons, all doing well. The operator in this rare case was Dr. Honey, who was called in after the case had been previously given up by two of our medical practitioners here.

A singular circumstance connected with this case is that this is the second case of triplets which has occurred in the practice of Dr Honey at this place, and Mr Horsford, M.B.C.S.E. states that they also are all alive and doing well.

[What in the name of midwifery are the ladies of Creswick doing? They really cannot be aware of the consequences that must follow their strange goings on! Something should be done to put a stop to such an unwarrantable inroads of the population at Creswick.

A story is told of a man who had the felicity(?) of being presented with twins. He met a former bachelor friend, and something like the following conversation ensued—

Jones—"Well Brown, how are you getting on?"
 Brown—"Oh, I'm doing first-rate, and so is my wife."
 Jones—"Your wife! why how long have you been married?"
 Brown—"About twelve months."
 Jones—"Shaking him warmly by the hand) My dear fellow, I wish you joy! I dare say your wife has made you a father by this time.

Brown—A father! By Jove, she has made me two fathers, for she has this morning presented me with twins. Oh, Jones hint: I a happy fellow? I have got married and have two boys all in a twelvemonth. My dear Jones, "go thou and do likewise."

History does not inform us whether Jones took the advice of his friend? Brown, but it is said that he never could reconcile himself to the idea of being made two fathers of, and consequently never became a benedict.

Now if Brown was two fathers, the gentleman at Creswick must be three fathers; if so the question arises whether if a diggers, he ought not to pay three licenses. The gold commissioners should look to it, they really should! Messrs Rede & Johnson are just the right sort of men to carry it out, and we think this hint ought to be sufficient. —Ed]

The following is a copy of the Martial Law indemnity act.

"WHEREAS a certain district in Victoria has been disturbed by a treasonable insurrection and acts of open rebellion. And whereas for the effectual suppression thereof His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria with the advice of his Executive Council did by a proclamation under his hand and the seal of the Colony of Victoria bearing date the fourth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty four command and proclaim that Martial Law from and after twelve of the clock at noon on the sixth day of December then instant should and might be administered and executed against every person and persons within the limits hereinafter described who should at any time after the said hour commit any act of rebellion any treason treasonable or seditious practices or other outrage or misdemeanor whatsoever within the said limits. And whereas it is expedient to indemnify as hereinafter mentioned all persons who may have issued the said recited proclamation or who may have done any act matter or thing by virtue or under authority or color thereof or of Martial Law thereby proclaimed. Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Victoria by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council as follows—

I. All actions suits indictments informations and attachments molestations prosecutions and proceedings whatsoever against any person or persons for or by reason of the issuing the said recited proclamation or for or by reason of any act matter or thing advised commanded appointed or done under by virtue or under authority or color thereof or of Martial Law thereby proclaimed in order to suppress the said insurrection and rebellion or disturbance and for the preservation of the public peace shall be discharged and made void and every person by whom the said proclamation and any such act matter or thing shall have been advised commanded appointed or done shall be freed acquitted and indemnified against all and every person or persons whomsoever and if any action suit indictment information prosecution or proceeding hath been or shall be commenced or prosecuted against any person or persons for issuing any such proclamation or for any such act matter or

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

[The following able letter was sent in last Friday, but too late for publication in last Saturday's issue.]

GOLD FIELDS COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.

(To the Editor of the Ballarat Times.)

Sir,—Permit me, through your columns, to inform the diggers and storekeepers of Ballarat who feel at all interested in the important Enquiry now going on—and all ought to be who wish well to the colony—that much valuable evidence and suggestions have been laid before that Commission by diggers and storekeepers, which will form the germ of wiser and better laws for the inhabitants of the gold-fields, and result in the establishment of not only Representation in the Legislative Council, even under the present—almost feudal—system of Colonial Government, but in supplying that great desideratum of the diggings—administrative Justice.

As to Representation, those who do know will pardon me for again explaining the law as it at present stands in reference to representation. It is fixed by an Act of the Imperial Parliament that the qualification of electors, are: £10 rental; £10 leaseholder; £100 freeholder; and squatting license. Now, these qualifications neither the Governor nor the Legislative Council can alter: all they can do is to frame a law and send it home to the so-called Imperial Parliament for sanction, and it must lay 30 days at least upon the table of both Houses of Parliament, and then be submitted for the sanction of Her Majesty. But royalty has always been very slow in recognising democracy, notwithstanding its incontrovertible and just claims. I heard a digger say "It takes a long time to make good laws, but they can manufacture bad laws to any measure, at 24 hours notice." Upon this matter of qualification by the bye, I think, with all due deference to the Attorney-General and his late unfortunate friend, the flexible ex-Secretary, that it would not be an unfair reading of the present act as to the franchise to say that it would confer the franchise upon the storekeepers or any one paying a Crown rental of £10 per annum. Of course there can only be one opinion as to the justice of giving the storekeeper the franchise for paying his £50 or £60 for a few feet of ground when the squatter has one by paying £10 a-year for thousands of acres. But it is not upon the ground of equity on which any honest man agrees, but I claim the franchise for the storekeepers on purely legal grounds.

If this is conferred the digger may more contentedly wait for the receipt of the Bill from Home which kindly permits (?) the diggers to exercise their natural rights of having a voice in making the laws under which they live. But independently of this it is proposed to make Ballarat into an electoral district having two members. This will necessitate the nomination by the Governor of one for the diggers, as he appoints out third of the members under the present system. I think, although I know little of the matter, it would be wise to accept of this by way of instalment. The enquiry into the late massacre is

good so far as it went—it was the thoroughly unprincipled and bad men who then influenced and ruled our Colonial Council, who transacted the wholesome beverage which the Imperial Act would have given us into wormwood and gall, who, for an egg, gave us a stone, and for a fish a serpent. Thus the original, the sole cause and origin of the discredit and disgraceful state of things that has prevailed in the neighbouring colony for the last three years, and that has issued at length in insurrection and bloodshed. And the blood which has been thus shed, and which all the waters of the Pacific will not wash away, is on the hands of the four guilty authors of these nefarious Acts.

The Uvas tree which these gentlemen thus planted in our Australian soil has borne its poisonous fruit—misgovernment, insurrection and bloodshed—right early. But it has developed in the mean time a phenomenon at which the authors and advocates of bad government together with the whole tribe of colonial funkies and backspittors, may well stand aghast, but which the friends of good government—of enlightened freedom—and of the rights of men will regard with eagerness at least, if not with satisfaction, as an unmistakable indication of a glorious Australian future. There has, therefore, been exhibited, in the late outbreak at the Port Phillip mines, an undoubted attempt on the part of a body of intelligent and determined men to substitute on this Australian soil, a government by and for the people; or, in other words, a republican government, in lieu of the miserable sham of imperial, or rather of Downing street government, under which these noble colonies have hitherto been depressed and cursed. There can be no doubt that this was the object of the men who, after having pledged themselves to each other, knelt around their so-called "Australian Flag" at Ballarat, and implored the blessing of heaven upon their enterprise. To say that these men were bent on plunder, or on anything short of the object I have stated, is an impudent falsehood; which, it may perhaps, be convenient enough for certain parties to put forth, but which no intelligent person will believe for one moment. The men were evidently in earnest; they had despaired of obtaining any redress for their enormous grievances under the existing system, and determined to risk every thing upon the issue, they had unanimously resolved to subvert a thoroughly bad system of government, and to substitute in its stead a government by and for the people—in its stead.

Now, whether these men were mistaken and misguided men or not, whether they had made a proper estimate of their powers and resources or not, is nothing to the question. What more can be said of Mazzini and Kossuth, than that they were misguided men who had miscalculated their strength and resources? The object in both cases was precisely the same, and that object is one which the heart of every honest man will tell him is a great deal too sublime to ridicule—it is one with which we cannot but sympathise, whatever we may think of the men's prudence or discretion. Besides, the thing is rather too serious for ridicule; these men were so much in earnest that they had learned the "manual exercise," which, it seems, is easily learned, and may be mastered by teachable people, like certain new systems of writing, in three lessons. And it seems they could not only stand fire, but, according to the testimony of a military officer on the spot, they fired with "admirable precision!" The issue of the affair, is nothing to the question; the phenomenon of rousement importance to us all is, that an attempt to get rid of the present impudent sham of a government, and to substitute a government by and for the people in its stead, has actually been made by a body of earnest and determined men, who had staked liberty and life on the issue on this Australian soil.

"Great enterprises," says Louis Napoleon, who is surely an authority in such matters, "seldom succeed on the first attempt." His own great enterprise failed even on the second attempt as well as on the first. But his banishment from France, after the ridiculous affair at Boulogne, did not disconcert him; neither did his long imprisonment at Ham, after the affair at Strasburg. On the contrary he made a third attempt at Paris and succeeded; and by the Majesty the Queen and Prince Albert, judging of the perjury and bloodshed that ensued, he is now congratulated on his success and hold out the right of royal fellowship in such circumstances. It is said that the impossibility of the proceeding at Ballarat, the better. Comparisons are odious, and they would scarcely be creditable to crowned heads in the present instance.

prevented. The sending up of the military to Ballarat and the proclamation of martial law, which are both Sir Charles's doings, which were both in my opinion unnecessary, as the attack on the digger's camp was unprovoked and un-called for. And what is the order of the day now? Why, a solemn trial of about a hundred of the diggers for high treason, after thirty of their number had been shot down in their camp—to be followed up, of course, by a few executions, to consolidate the power of her Majesty the Queen at the Port Phillip mines!

Infatuated men! If this is your policy, you will have your reward; for in that case the day of Australia's freedom must be near at hand. To prevent the Port Phillip Government from pursuing such a course of folly and infatuation, and to ensure, as far as honest and christian men can do, the peaceful reform of all existing abuses and the redress of all actual grievances both there and here, it appears to me that it is incumbent on us, the citizens of Sydney, to hold a public meeting on the subject of the insurrection at Port Phillip, and then and there to declare our solemn and deliberate opinion as to what we consider absolutely necessary to restore peace to our land, and prosperity to our community.

My own opinion in this matter is very strong and very decided. It is simply,—

1st.—That the license fee should be entirely abolished at all the gold mines of both colonies.

2nd.—That the gold commissionerships should be abolished also.

3rd.—That a small export duty should be imposed on all gold raised in either colony.

4th.—That a code of regulations for the government of the gold fields should be drawn up, and all cases involving a violation of these regulations, as well as all cases between individual miners, should be determined by a police magistrate, and a jury of diggers, to be chosen by themselves.

5th.—That the Waste Lands of the colony, should be unlocked, and the present atrocious system of injustice and oppression done away with and abolished; leaving, however, certain reserved rights and privileges to the squatters, such, for example, as the right of pre-emption at the minimum price over 650 acres of each actual squatter's run.

6th.—That all land commissionerships should be abolished—the country surveyed and divided, by competent persons, into runs capable of sustaining a certain quantity of stock; such runs to be leased, by public competition, at not less than a certain minimum price, and all disputes to be settled by a jury of leaseholders.

In this way there would be a large revenue from the gold fields, whereas there is virtually none at all at present, while there would be a very large revenue indeed, from the leases of the Waste Lands of the colony. If we get reform to this extent in our gold fields and land system, Imperial Government and British connection may be maintained for an indefinite period. If not—then there is no help for it; we shall certainly have a revolution, beginning at Port Phillip and extending hither, like an epidemic. And if so, perhaps the sooner the better.

I am, Sir, yours, &c., JOHN DUNMORE LANG.

Sydney, 15th December, 1854.

THE HALF-PAY LIEUTENANT.

A WAR ANECDOTE.

The close of the campaign in Holland in 1793 brought back to the shores of Old England many a maimed and scarred soldier who had fought and bled for his country, and carried her standard through a succession of battles. About the time alluded to the metropolis swarmed with disbanded soldiery, and the public had to accustom themselves to the sight of "red coats" admixing in every street with the sober black and drab costumes of the citizens. Many of the returned warriors carried sad souvenirs of their bravery. There were among the disbanded troops a quantity of officers, chiefly of subaltern rank, to whom, or a considerable proportion of them, a peace establishment might be allotted half-pay, and an unemployed life, little consonant with their active energies.

prostitute. He came often to Downing street to hear when he was likely to be appointed, and where would be the scene of his duties? His *naiveté* in persisting thus with his faith in a political patron whom, in fact, he had only once seen, excited my sympathy, and I could not help feeling interested in so unfortunate and credulous a suitor. His gentleman-like bearing distinguished him from the horde of place-hunters besieging the Government offices, and I determined I would see what could be done for him, notwithstanding his want of the usual credentials from high political personages for getting a place or a sinecure.

"It was when the Lieutenant was well nigh wearied with dancing (poor fellow! hobbling were the better word) attendance with his maimed limb and seedy uniform in the parlous of Downing Street, that one day he came into my office in such a state of depression, dust, and fatigue, that I really felt pained to see him, and hastened to hand him a chair. He, however, declined it, but said in a tone of anguish,—

"Ah! Sir, you are too good to be offended if I say that it is not for me to take my ease when I ought to work for my bread."

"The truth was out, and I managed to so receive the sad communication as not to add to his troubles by wounding his pride. When we make a confident it is human nature to be open-hearted and communicative. The Lieutenant told me his story. He had served long; he was sixty years of age, and still only a subaltern officer in the army, now placed on a wretched pittance as a superannuation allowance commonly called half-pay; he had seen three of his sons, one after the other, killed in action almost by his side; he had now a second wife and another family to bring up, but nothing to subsist upon but the miserable proceeds of that half pay. His case filled me with sympathy and commiseration, and I determined to aid his cause, if possible.

"That same evening, after supping with my patron, Mr. Mackenzie, and after arranging some papers for his signature, I hazarded an attempt at bringing Lieutenant Campbell's case on the tapis.

"Here, sir," I began, while arranging the papers before me, "is poor Campbell's application. The poor fellow called today again, as he has done every day for months past. He expects, unreasonably enough, but yet he seems confident of, an appointment. And if, indeed, distress would be any recommendation, he tells me now that he is actually in want of bread."

"Eh, my dear sir!" ejaculated the minister in reply, repressing a yawn; "trace with more solicitations this evening. Have we not had enough of them during the day? I think that at least in my privacy I should be free from this sort of annoyance. Do not if you please, dissipate the idea I entertain that when I am in the bosom of my family, I am no longer attending to the suit of every place hunter."

"I was, of course, silenced by this reproof. Still I could rest that night for thinking of the case of Lieut. Campbell. He was present in my dreams. The chair I had offered him in my office, and which he had refused in so touching a

"ONWARD TO THE SUNNY SOUTH."

To the south, love—to the south, love,
To Australia's sunny clime;
Where the bright gold greets the workman,
Where the orange blossoms twine
Lovingly with sister tendrils
Of the cheering joyous grape:
To the south, love—to the south, love,
There a happy home to make.

To the south—the smiling south land;
'Tis the workman's pleasurable home;
From the misery of Europe
Persecuted mankind come.
Haggard, worn, and starving mortals,
Pine in darksome dens of death;
To the south—the far off south land,
Sunshine, food, health hope to get.

To the south, true-hearted maiden,
There your lover walks a man,
While with honest, fearless spirit,
He does rightly what he can.
There the mother knows with gladness,
That her children know no want.
Stalwart arms, true souls, come southward;
Nothing there exists to dent.

To the south! ye who seek freedom—
Freedom, best first gift of God,
There will independence greet you.
There no more to tyrant's rod
Cringe, as in despotic Europe,
Biting dust with bitter mouth.
To the corn land, vine land, gold land,
To the home land—beautiful south.

J. S.
Ballarat, December 22nd, 1854.

DRAT THE FLIES! OR THE PEST OF THE SEASON.

The sun was hotly shining on a fine September day,
When I heard an angry matron so bitterly inveigh
Against the tribes of insects that in Australia's
time arise;
She clenched her fists and stamped her feet, and
cried, "Ah—drat them flies!

"There ain't no rest nor quiet, nor comfort to be had
For them nasty filthy creatures; they're enough
to drive one mad;
They settles on our noses; they whizzes in our
eyes;
And they burr-wur-zuzzes in our ears: ah—drat
them plaguy flies!

"There's not a safe that's safe from 'em; no
apple-room without,
And them vexatious wasps which also is about,
And one can sting almost as bad as t'other when
they tries,
Ay, through a cotton stocking too: ah—drat
them vicious flies!

"Them hojus big blue-bottles blows over all the
meat,
To that degree that mutton can't be kep' a day
to eat;
They swarms in every pantry; and them of
smaller size
Bespots and spatters everythink: ah—drat them
horrid flies!

"They sticks in treacle, jellie, preserves, and
sweets, and jains,
And they breeds their nits, and hoppers, and
choppers in our hams,
They infests every cupboard; not a hole but
where they pries,
No crack or crink but they creeps through: ah—
—drat them crawly flies!

"They browns themselves in milk jugs and gets
the flies,
In every room there's always two or three,
We bust 'em in our puddins, we bust 'em in our
pies,
I've no patience with the rebels: ah—drat them
tiresome flies!

"They ferrets into wardrobes; and there they
spoils the cloth,
For 'tis my firm opinion 'tis they that breeds the
moth,—
And tell me what you will, you won't persuade
me otherwise,
No, get along with you: I say, ah—drat them
noxious flies!

