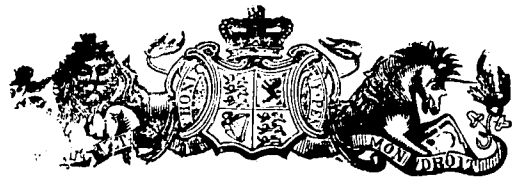


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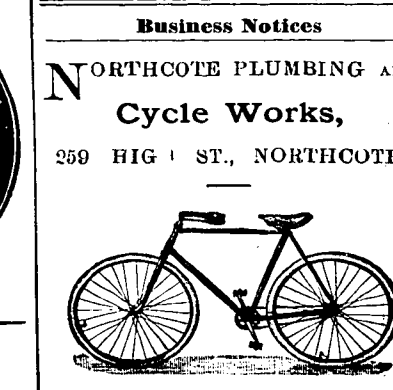
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AN AUSTRALIAN NOVEL. DIAMONDS & DESTINY. A Remarkable Story of Discovery and Adventure. IN NINE PARTS. PART IV. On the evening preceding his projected departure for the north, Captain Rogers paid a visit to a friend living in Cleveland-street, Kildare. "I have just returned from a day's work in the north," he said, "and I have some news for you."

He told him of the discovery of diamonds in the north, and of the excitement which had followed. "The diamonds are of a fine quality," he said, "and the discovery has opened up a new field for exploration. I have been thinking of going back to the north myself, but I have some business here first to attend to."

Orchard Notes. From the Agricultural Gazette of N.S.W. All promising and successful crops should be completed during August, as towards the latter end of that month the weather is likely to be somewhat cooler. It is not advisable to plant after that month, as the soil will be too dry, and the plants will not be able to establish themselves.

THE KITCHEN. CHERRY JAM.—To 1 lb. cherries, 1 lb. sugar, 1/2 lb. water, 1/2 lb. lemon juice, 1/2 lb. lemon rind, 1/2 lb. cloves, 1/2 lb. allspice, 1/2 lb. nutmeg, 1/2 lb. cinnamon, 1/2 lb. mace, 1/2 lb. ginger, 1/2 lb. cardamom, 1/2 lb. cloves, 1/2 lb. allspice, 1/2 lb. nutmeg, 1/2 lb. cinnamon, 1/2 lb. mace, 1/2 lb. ginger, 1/2 lb. cardamom.

VARIETIES. Potatoes in Greenland never grow larger than a marble. The word 'potato' is derived from the Spanish word 'patata', which is derived from the Arawak word 'batata'.

FEDERATION. PUBLIC MEETING AT PRESTON. LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE. SOLID VOTE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH BILL. The announcement of a public meeting to discuss the question of federation was received with much interest.

COUNCILLORS AT CRICKET. NORTHOTE V. PRESTON. AMUSING INCIDENTS. The long-looked-for cricket match between the Northote and Preston Councils took place on Monday night.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. St. John's May Fair, Opening on Monday night. Bauschmidt, Or the New German Method of Curing. ST. JOHN'S MAY FAIR. Will be opened in the above Church on Thursday, May 12th, by the Mayors of Northote & Preston.

Northcote Leader

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FEDERATION. PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL. MONDAY, MAY 1. Mr. W. A. Watt, who was cordially received, reminded the audience that the first great Australian referendum was to be taken in June next, and it was hoped that the voice of the people would be an intelligent and educated one.

A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS ENDED. TORTURED FOR 13 YEARS. BILE BEANS FOR BILIOUSNESS SAVE ANOTHER LIFE. THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SURPRISED AT THE REMARKABLE RECOVERY. THREE LEADING DOCTORS FAIL TO EFFECT A CURE. AND PATENT MEDICINES WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

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HUGO WERTHEIM'S SEWING MACHINES & SWEET HAPSBURG PIANOS. A. J. ROBSON, EMBALMER AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR. NOTICE OF REMOVAL. J. H. Thomson, PLUMBER AND ENGINEER.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE LEADER, SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1898.

THE FIGURE-HEAD.

My wife was a captain, hale and hearty, of about 50 at the time of which I wrote...

AN UNROMANTIC HERO.

Jack came down to breakfast holding both feet on the table, and looking as if he had just been through a mill.

THE SUBSTITUTE.

There who delight to indulge the practice of "putting two and two together" may appreciate the following...

YANKEE KING FOR BRITAIN.

High life in London takes a very different turn from that which it does in New York...

INSTANTIAL.

Several pages ago we published a notice of a case of murder which was solved in a most extraordinary manner...

STRANGE MURDER PLOT.

A BERGHAUS ROMANTIC STORY. The most remarkable story has been brought to light in the investigation of a murder...

From his bed he saw a woman in a white dress, and he saw her go to the window...

My attention was attracted by a woman in a white dress, and she was looking at me...

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Announcements. NOTICE OF PARTNERSHIP. We have this day ADMITTED...

Announcements. FOOTBALLS! FOOTBALLS! BEFORE Purchasing call and see...

Announcements. ROBERT W. HODGINS, NURSERYMAN, 151 VICTORIA STREET, NORTHGATE.

Announcements. FISH ON! FISH ON! W. Blackman, THE FISH MARKET, 101 NORTHGATE.

Announcements. IMPORTANT NOTICE. REDUCED SCALE OF FEES. 10 to 25 years of age inclusive, 2/6...

NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 9TH MAY.

Present—Crs. Parsons (Mayor), Hastings, Veonans, Thompson, McLean, Marks, Campbell, Plant, McIntosh, Bailey, Dennis, and Candy.

MEMBERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. The Secretary Municipal Association of Victoria wrote forwarding a copy of a number of amendments of Local Government law, which have been approved of by the association and requesting the council's support in the matter.—Referred to finance committee.

LICENSING FEES. From same, with reference to the allocation of license fees. It was a matter of importance to municipalities and would be considered at a conference on the 19th inst.

Cr. Veonans asked if the alteration of the town clock would be considered. The town clerk replied that he and the mayor had estimated it would benefit the council by about £68.

The mayor was appointed to represent the council at the conference.

RENEWAL OF GRASSLANDS. Messrs. Sturt and Hastings wrote intimating that they had to renew a larger number of cesspans during the past 12 months than was the case for any previous year, and asked the council if it could furnish any reason for the increase.—Referred to public works committee.

APPLICATION TO USE FIREARMS. Sarah J. Sumner wrote stating that she had been greatly annoyed by invasions of geese on her property at St. George's road, and asked for fire arms for their destruction.—Consented with an order of Cr. McLean and Candy.

DEMOGRAPHIC NOTICE. E. C. Lacey called attention to a notice issued in regard to the census of 1897, and asked for a copy of the same.

A report was read from the inspector stating that the drain was in a bad state caused by the passage being choked up, and suggesting that it be cleaned out and extended to street level.

On the motion of Cr. Harry, the matter was referred to the surveyor for report.

FACTORY LICENSES. A. W. Reid made application for a factory license for premises at Clarke street.—Referred to surveyor for report.

FEDERATION CAMPAIGN. The Australian Federation League of Victoria wrote stating that as a systematic opposition was being made by the opponents of the Bill, it would be desirable to recruit their votes.

It was imperative that the supporters of the Bill should form a local Federation Committee and conduct a vigorous campaign in order to secure a large majority of votes at the election of the Bill.

The letter was received, and on the suggestion of Cr. Dennis, the appointment of a committee was decided until the evening of the public meeting in Northcote, which will take place either on the 17th or 23rd of May.

DAMAGES TAKEN PLACE. C. McLaughlin wrote informing the council that his cart had been smashed when the wheel being struck by a tram-tray which was obstructing the tram-track on the 12th April last, and asked for compensation to the extent of damage done, viz. £16.—See finance committee's report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. Cr. Hastings (chairman) submitted the report, recommending as follows:—1. That accounts amounting to £53 2s 4d be passed for payment.

2. Drainage from Fire Station.—It is recommended that a picture be constructed in Mitchell street, from the station to High street, at an estimated cost of £25, and the Metropolitan Fire Brigades' Board be requested to construct a channel in Bank street, to convey the drainage to Mitchell street.

Considerable discussion ensued as to the urgency of this work, and the mayor ultimately ruled it out of order on the ground that the expenditure was not provided for.

Letter of Mr. Desmond, re Clarendon, Hastings street.—It is recommended that he be informed that no funds are available therefor at present.—Adopted.

Letter of Mr. Wittenbach, re Lane, Candy street.—It is recommended that he be informed that it is not considered necessary to erect a lamp thereat, at present.—Adopted.

Letter of Mrs. Smith, re Footpath Candy street.—It is recommended that she be repaired with scarpings.—Adopted.

Letter of Mr. Edwards, re Bower street drainage.—It is recommended that such street be included in a future list to be constructed under the Loan System.—Adopted.

7. Urquhart Street, Fenton for repairs.—It is recommended that the surveyor be instructed to repair such street with metal and brickwork where absolutely necessary.—Adopted.

8. Letter of the Public Health Department, re offensive drainage, West Bank.—It is recommended that he be informed that steps are being taken to place such drains in a sanitary state.—Adopted.

9. Letter of G. M. Gordon, re Mr. White being a pig on premises, James street.—It is recommended that he be removed.—Adopted.

10. Letter of Metropolitan Board of Works, re pipe trenching, Gordon Henderson street.—The Town Surveyor reports that such are in a satisfactory state.—Adopted.

11. Metal.—It is recommended that tenders be invited for the supply of 600 cubic yards of 2 1/2 inch metal for the repair of High street, 500 for St. George's Road and 80 for Arthurton road.—Adopted.

THE NORTHERN SUBURBS RAILWAY LEASURE.

Adopted.

12. Lamps.—It is recommended that a lamp be erected at the corner of St. George's road and W. 1st avenue, the site approved at a previous meeting.—Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. The chairman (Cr. Campbell) submitted his report, recommending as follows:—1. That accounts amounting to £72 2s 4d be paid.—Adopted.

2. Letter of Mr. C. McLaughlin, for compensation for alleged accident on the tramway.—It is recommended that he be informed that the council does not acknowledge any liability in the matter.—Adopted.

SAVING COMMITTEE. Cr. Campbell stated that the report was now ready. The committee had communicated with several municipalities and information obtained was summarized by the town clerk as follows:—The Collingwood baths cost £1400 and were let for £117 per annum; the Boro Baths cost £1630 and the revenue was £87 per annum; Richmond cost £2000 and were let for £120; while the baths at Sale cost £750 and the revenue paid the caretaker. If the question of the baths was to be decided, Cr. Campbell believed that baths could be established in the town so as to prove self-supporting.

The report was received, and the matter referred to the finance committee to consider the same in connection with the ordinary business.

Cr. Harry inquired when they were to get the lamps for the central west, and north wards, and the mayor replied that he was in connection with their erection.

Cr. Plant asked why the recently-planned road, and asked that the bridge be long to be pressed. He understood that this was the case, and that the apportioning under the new arrangement was to be continued to the 1st of July.

The matter referred to by Cr. Plant, but in the surveyor's absence could not give the particulars. Cr. McLean drew attention to the bad condition of Harbin street and asked that the matter be referred to the surveyor for report.

Cr. Harry reported that he had ascertained through Mr. Meaden that the Municipal Overseer's Bill had not been passed, and that the Premier had promised to introduce it in Parliament next week.

Cr. Plant said that several plumbers in the long time they were out of their depots, and of the inconvenience they were caused by their absence.

Cr. Campbell—The Tramway Bill is now ready. The Finance Committee is now ready to consider the same.

Cr. Thompson inquired when the report of the Finance Committee would be presented. The answer was that it would be presented at the next meeting.

The town clerk said that the surveyor had held a final meeting and that the report was ready.

The mayor said that in the surveyor's absence Cr. Thompson would have to take the decision in the matter.

Cr. McLean again referred to the fact that Mr. Drummond had not been paid for his services, and asked that the matter be referred to the surveyor for report.

The mayor said that the parks committee's report was in preparation and would be ready for the next meeting.

On the motion of Cr. Harry and Marks it was decided to erect a lamp in Kelvin grove.

Cr. McLean reported that he had attended the conference in connection with the drainage of the Metropolitan Fire Station, and that the Metropolitan Board of Works officers, with the result that the chairman (Mr. Fitzgibbon) had promised him that Northcote would not be forgotten when its application arrived.

SOCIETIES. GWALLA LODGE, U.A.O.D. The fortnightly meeting was held on Monday evening, the A.D. and W. Davies, presiding, and a good attendance of members being present.

Bro. Leslie apologized for the absence of the secretary, who was seriously ill. Much regret was expressed by the members that he would soon be amongst them again, strong and well. An invitation was received from the Court of Northcote, A.O.F., to their annual social gathering, and the A.D. was appointed to attend.

Bro. Reidy gave an interesting report of the business transacted at the grand lodge meeting, which showed that the order was still making good progress. Bro. Reidy's report was received with applause, as was also the intimation of his being elected to the Judicial Appeal Committee.

A strong committee was formed to meet on Monday evening, to make arrangements for the forthcoming annual meeting. One new member having been initiated, and two proposed, the lodge adjourned for burmy.

BETTER FORTUNE AT WHITTLESEA. A deputation from the league consisting of Crs. Pearl, Campbell, and Moore W. Brown (secretary), Denney and Lighton waited on the Whittlesea shire council on Monday, with a view to securing their support. Cr. Campbell and Pearl were the chief speakers, and made effective speeches in favor of the line through Kew, arguing that it was the most direct and economical route for the northern districts, and likely to pay the route best.

The council appeared to be favorably impressed, and the Whittlesea shire Water Works, secretary of Cr. Richard Basse, it was a relief that it was not necessary to present a petition in support of the line was duly signed by council.

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FOOTBALL.

THE PROTON FOOTBALL CLUB INCURRES its season.

The team will be chosen from the following:—Allen, Barrow, Bell, Buckley, Blundell, Barnard, Bowyer, Brytherton, Collins, Cooper (2), Curtis, Carter, Cochrane, Collier, Deakin, Hall (2), Henry, McEgan, Murphy, Palling, Patterson, Pritchard, Rogers (2), Rolton, Saunders, Tucker, Warnecke, Ward, White, and Stranger.

The Rose of Northcote will play the Austral End on the ground of the latter club on Saturday. The Rose will occupy the two end streets to be traversed, which came out together in favor of Fitzroy.

He therefore urged the desirability of its construction on national grounds. Cr. Graze's point was that if the Collingwood line were constructed, Northcote and Preston would look in vain for a connection with it, but if the Fitzroy line were chosen a direct line to the city would be ensured to Heidelberg. It was the hope of the league, therefore, to get all municipalities to unite in supporting a line that would accommodate them all.

Mr. W. Brown, secretary of the league, stated that the league's intention was being signed most extensively. They felt they were on the winning side and they wanted Heidelberg to be with them when they won. (Laughter.)

Cr. F. in reply, delivered a lengthy speech in favor of the Collingwood line, contending that it would be as direct and serve an equal if not greater purpose than the Fitzroy route.

A strong objection to the latter would be that it would have half a mile of tunneling. If a connection from the Mt. John Knicht, and Miss Ada Ferrar, as Josephine, in the very appointment of dignity and nation. This play will continue during next week only.

THE REMARKABLE CASE OF MR. SAMUEL FISHER. The following letter was received from Mr. Samuel Fisher, one of New Zealand's prominent men, who for years has been a terrible sufferer from Headache, Insomnia, Loss of Appetite, Pain in Chest and Shoulders and other ailments. During twelve months of his illness, Fisher lost 50 lbs in weight, and his friends gave up all hope of his recovery. A really nervous cure was here indicated in his case, however, and he is today as well as ever in his life. He writes as follows:—"I am glad to hear that you have cured me of my Headache, Insomnia, Loss of Appetite, Pain in Chest and Shoulders and other ailments. During twelve months of my illness, Fisher lost 50 lbs in weight, and his friends gave up all hope of his recovery. A really nervous cure was here indicated in his case, however, and he is today as well as ever in his life. He writes as follows:—"

"Gentlemen, I am most pleased to testify as to the medical value of your Bile Beans, and with the use of your medicine, I am today as well as ever in my life. I write to tell you what you did for me. For a long time I had been very ill, and had been told that I should die. I thought I would not get over it. I had my appetite, could not sleep for the pain in my chest and between the shoulders. My life was a misery to me. Anxious in Warwick, where I resided, on the 10th I was a sufferer for 12 months. My doctor said I ought to go for a change, but business affairs prevented me so doing.

"I tried so many patent medicines that I felt like a walking elephant shop. I consulted a number of doctors, but they did me no good. I was very weak, and my friends advised me to go on a long walk, but I was unable to do so. I was very ill, and had been told that I should die. I thought I would not get over it. I had my appetite, could not sleep for the pain in my chest and between the shoulders. My life was a misery to me. Anxious in Warwick, where I resided, on the 10th I was a sufferer for 12 months. My doctor said I ought to go for a change, but business affairs prevented me so doing.

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