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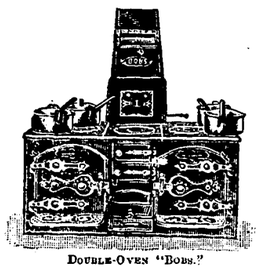

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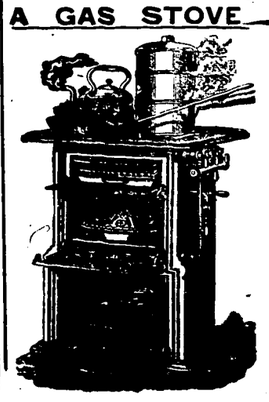

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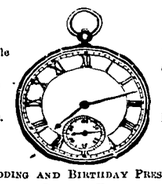

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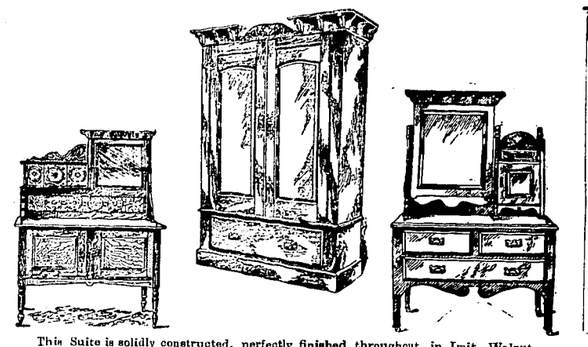

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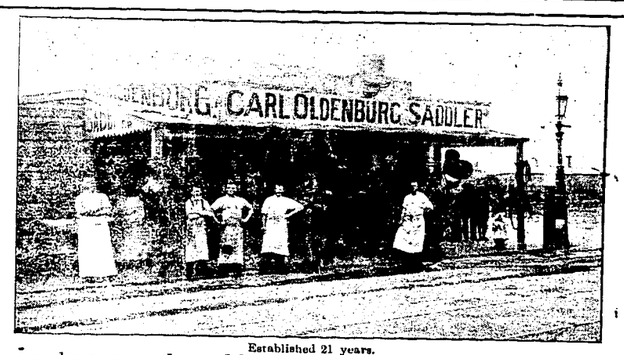

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council of the Town of Northcote, to be held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1908, at 8 o'clock p.m., the Annual Statement showing the financial position of the Municipality to the end of September, 1908, duly audited and certified, will be produced, and, if found just and true, finally examined, settled, and allowed.

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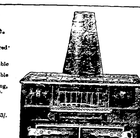

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SATURDAY DEC MBER 5.

Such progress has been made with the new Northcote Methodist Church that arrangements are being made for the laying of the stone. It is the foundation stone, and will be laid on the 26th December, at 4.30 p.m. Rev. Isaac Hutchens, the pastor, Rev. T. Aldton, the superintendent, and the trustees will take part in the ceremony. The church is to be opened for worship on the 31st January, 1909, when Rev. Victorian Methodist Conference, the public services will be conducted by the pastor and the singers and choirmasters of the church are expected. There will follow a tea-meeting in the church at 6.15, and a public meeting in the church at 7.45. As the latter is to specially interest young people, Rev. T. Aldton, Rev. J. Allen and the chairman Rev. T. Aldton.

A meeting of the Anzac Rifle Club, to consider the question of a miniature rifle range, will be held on Monday evening, Mr. H. White in the chair. Mr. Hall, secretary, will attend. The privileged business will be the receipt of subscriptions in lieu from the new members, and the election of officers. Applications to come in for election will also be presented at the next meeting on Tuesday evening. The committee will report that it has all arrangements had been completed for the Anzac Ball, which will be held in the Northcote Town Hall on Friday evening, December 11th. Special arrangements have been made which promises to be a great success. A full attendance of members is requested.

We regret to regret the sudden death of Mr. Frank Hamilton Nash, of Mount Nicol, which took place on Thursday morning, the 26th ult., at the age of 57 years. Deceased, who resided at Bell street, St. Peters, was born at Mount Nicol, where his parents and Dr. Dopenbury was called in. Town Hall, Northcote, on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., but in consequence of the funeral ceremonies, and Mrs. Nicol called in Dr. Wilson, who found that she was suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia, and upon examination found that she had also a broken leg. It was found that she was 83 years of age. The deceased gentleman was only 35 years of

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Mr. C. Cripps reported to the Preston council on Monday evening that the Preston Public Library had been closed for the week ending December 5th, at 4.30 p.m. Preston Band was determined to make itself heard on the green again by wandering Fiore Shillings per head was the minimum it would play for, and the Preston Band got itself segregated for 2/6 each.

Ladies of St. John Ambulance nursing division have this evening (Saturday) a social at the Preston Town Hall, when Mr. Dominick Irvine inspection of his first aid class will take place. Gordon Secretary, which has proved to be a great success. A full attendance of members is requested. Mr. Cripps, recent graduate, [illegible]

Mr. Cripps said the manufacturers had been very kind in giving exhibits for the Preston Technical School, and he thought a quicker way than the ordinary method of getting them would be adopted. He had accompanied the consultants on their visit to Preston, and he was pleased to say what he saw, to notify all the manufacturers should make improvements to do so. He thought it would be a success.

Cr. Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Cr. Cripps said the secretaries had been very busy getting the exhibits together

A TRIP THROUGH MASHONALAND, SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

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PART IV.

The Fertile Plains of Gaasland.

Leaving by a narrow gap in the footpath, which winds its way over the top of some high kopjes, we reached the rich fertile plains of Gaasland, which extend for miles in front of us. At this point was fairly well defined, and we experienced little difficulty as we proceeded on our way. Quite a number of Dutch families live in the district, and their farms are dotted at long distances for a little social gossip. I was warmly received, and one of the ladies in the house made violent love to me; she scorched quite pat out when she learned I was married. Afterwards, she bustled off for home, preparing coffee before leaving. The soil and formation of the country is very similar to that in Portuguese territory. Despite the richness of the plains, I never saw a single head of stock, no doubt owing to the fact that the rinderpest was comparatively recent, clean of stock two years previously by a disease known as Red Water, and many farmers suffered tremendous losses, and have not yet replaced their cattle. Some of them are again making fair headway, and the future looks distinctly hopeful.

We now crossed the border once more into Gaasland, and I found myself homestead. This is one of the best managed farms in the district, and it is mainly devoted to the cultivation of coffee. The plantations are very productive, and they bring in a considerable revenue annually. The manager of the farm is a Scotsman, and he has a glance that the work is done in the most systematic manner. Nothing is left to chance, or the success of the unenlightened heathen. At present the coffee trees are covered with a hundred and various coloured coffee berries. The coffee produced is of excellent quality, and commands the highest market price. I received a hearty welcome from the manager, and Strath on coffee-growing, and was most optimistic in his comments on this new industry as a possible revenue for the country. He is also well versed in the culinary arts, and after an usual lunch I left for Sponsabeira, where I arrived in the afternoon, and changed.

The distance across country to Sponsabeira, as the roughly speaking, about twenty miles. I found the road in a very indifferent state, and to make this I decided to camp by the roadside for the night. I felt very fatigued on the journey, and a good grass was distinctly slow. When I reached Sponsabeira I felt very tired with my exertions, and was glad that I had experienced an "Slippery Jumbo," in the Umbeli district. I threw the night on the side of such a steep hedge that I was almost in an upright position. My bed was a most uncomfortable one, and I was awakened in the night, and as a wood was scarce, I whiled away the hours watching the ants and listening to the calls and cries of the various wild birds and animals that are abroad when darkness has descended. The ants were very busy, and I was glad to see the place, and I was glad to see the place, and I was glad to see the place

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

Present:—Cr. Allen, J.P.(mayor), Pyne, Hunter, Wray, Robertson, Clay, Howe, and Williamson.

LANDOWNERS ASKS NORTHCOTE'S LEAVE.

T. Hills, bricklayer, wrote asking for a ten-eighth's lease, with p.r., when convenient to the council.—Referred to the committee of the whole, on the motion of Crs. Howes and Ware.

MOTION BY LANDOWNERS.

T. Hills, bricklayer, wrote asking for permission to be allowed to erect his brick factory, as it's longer have so increased and that chimney is so great that it is long and dangerous to the west is completed.—Referred to the committee on motion of Crs. Howe and Robertson.

THE DUST NUISANCE.

The City of Al Insurers were asking the council to be represented at a conference at the City Hall on Dec. 9 to consider the best method of dealing with the dust nuisance.

The Mayor and Cr. Williamson were appointed to attend.

SIMPLY "RACKETS."

A. E. Williams wrote complaining that the ratepayers' money was being wasted by the boys in the streets being let free, hoots before it was necessary. If the council have any money to spend, it should be spent in paving the footpaths and roads of the main streets and buy up land for a park in the northern part of the shire; for building purposes, and not for the boys to play on. Instead, what was the use of spending £50 for the council's workmen to do? Let the boys work now-a-days. Do they expect people to erect buildings in the streets? Let the council advertise it a month and at three months, if A. E. Williams should quietly sit in a row and lie on to the riverbank of the shire and what councillors, and not put his spoke in the wheel of progress.—Referred to the standing public nuisances committee, and that boys are they doing in the open parks. If the people have them to play their minds they wouldn't say in the plain words.

Cr. Robertson—Evidently Cr. Williams has been trundling on this gentleman's cores.

Cr. Williamson—Perhaps the inspector has been trundling on Cr. Williams' corns.

Cr. Howes moved that the letter be simply received.

Cr. Williams seconded. Carried.

TROUBLE OVER DRAINAGE.

L. W. Ashenbrenner wrote asking that letter from the Metropolitan Board of Works stating that the work of connecting his drainage across the approach was not satisfactory. Mr. Ashenbrenner had to dig a trench, a proper drain having been put down, and to carry the drainage away, as he had spent £20 according to the letter received.

Cr. Robertson said the committee recommended that Mr. Ashenbrenner be left to himself to get rid of the drainage, if he could without nuisance, and at last meeting it was decided to write to the Board of Works for their connection, and that it was a matter for government rate. He moved that the letter be referred to that effect.—Carried.

A LAVENDER HILL.

Peck, Bros and Hall were forwarding account for £31 10/- in connection with the erection of the hydrants.

Referred to the committee of the whole on the motion of Crs. Robertson and Ware.

A SUBSCRIPTION.

The Town of Northcote were stating they had not received any grant from the Government for the maintenance of Darebin across at this council owning to that. The grant was for the construction of a street on the Darebin Bridge.

Cr. Robertson said it would seem they had been under a misconception as to this matter. However, he would move that the letter be referred to the committee of the whole.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

The Railway Department were offering to pay half cost of offering site and stands to

WARDEN'S REPORT.

Mr. Hamilton reported that he would have report ready for completion for Monday night.—Referred to committee of the whole.

HEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr R. J. Sullivan reported having inspected and branded carcasses of meat as follows:—Cattle, 100; sheep, 1001; pigs, 481.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Patterson moved that the matter of erecting a lamp in Bell street, opposite Patterson street, be considered with the sub-committee.

Cr. Howe moved that the matter of erecting a lamp at the corner of Junction Street be considered with the sub-committee.—Carried.

Replying to Cr. Robertson the secretary said he had heard nothing off fully from the Gas Company in reference to the extension of the gas. The answer was that the extension would cost £60. Should the gas be laid on the company had put the gas to Cramer street, and would then be entitled to it there.

Cr. Robertson—We want something definite and I will move that the Gas Co. be written on calling attention to the fact that a lamp is erected in Garnet street and that we want the gas laid on to the lamp at once. I would think the Gas Company had sufficient business enterprise to do it without the asking.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Ware stated that the engineer make a report on the cost of extending the gas to the asphalt on the east side of High street, near the Junction hotel as I might be required. Some of their pathways should be asphalted. Some of the pathways should be asphalted. Some of the pathways should be extended to get to the Council of the Shire.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Robertson reported that the men overhanging the pathway in Bruce street were complaining of the dangerous state of it.

Cr. Williamson drew attention to the fact that the drain in Highstreet, near J. Hay's, was in a bad state of repair.

Cr. Robertson moved that the owners of the land on the north side of Bell street, where the trees were growing be asked to remove them.

The inspector said the service of notices in connection with this matter was a very big job. Some of the trees were on the land of the Roman Catholic Church and he would like a little assistance.

Cr. Robertson said it will be a very big job when all the trees are down. The inspector will be let to for a list of myself. Now is the time to get rid of them. The Mayor said "always the assistant clerk, Mr. Gibson, could have assistance."

Cr. Howes seconded the motion, which was carried.

Preston Rifle Club.

Fair weather last Saturday made the Preston Rifle Club's match a success, and as there was a number of 37 competitors it was decided to shoot off the first 20 for the prizes. Mr. Hall was the only one to score 20 points, and it he hoped then, to the shoot which he scored 19 points, and Mr. Jones 18.

The event e.g. taken all round, was good, and the scores were considered very high for the time of the year, due to the competitors, and the fine calm weather. The next match will be held on Saturday, 12th inst.

The following are the scores:—

Hall	20	Hayes	16	Hall	13
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FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1908.

(Local Government Act, 1907.)

STATEMENT OF RATES.

A GENERAL RATE of One Shilling and Ninepence in the Pound Sterling to the 30th September, 1908, was made by the Council on the 30th day of December, 1907.

NET VALUATION.	AMOUNT OF RATE.	ARREARS OF RATES.	CURRENT RATE COLLECTED.	ARREARS COLLECTED.	TOTAL OF ARREARS
£36,073 0 0	£3156 7 9	£141 13 4	£3124 11 2	£37 9 5	£148 2 2

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
By Assets as per Balance Sheet	£497 5 0	To Liabilities	£4385 7 0
Bank Balance	353 6 2		
Balance	3535 7		
	£4385 7 0		£4385 7 0

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance 30th September, 1907	£479 7 9	Contracts—General	£4230 9 0
Rates Current	3124 11 2	Engineer's Salary	202 8 10
" Arrears	37 9 5	Supply of Horses, &c.	102 18 11
" Interest	5 9 3	Day Labour	141 12 11
Dog Fees	93 10 0	Lighting—Bicycles and Municipal	71 0 6
Tax Fees	314 10 6	Metropolitan Gas Co.	118 5 11
Licenses, Equivalent for	£416 0 0	Contingencies	42 14 1
" Non-Resident Traders	42 0 0	Salaries—Secretary, &c.	39 2 0
Hackney Carriage	1 1 2	" Collector, &c.	£220 0 6
	159 9 8	" Clerks, &c.	160 0 2
Miscellaneous—Sand	£47 19 9	Health Officer	10 0 0
Sundries	16 10 1	Bailiff	130 0 0
	64 9 10	Cleaner Assistance	13 8 4
Low Costs and Fines	13 0 6		339 9 0
Government Endowment	650 0 0	Commission, Dog Registration Fees	19 2 6
Government Grants, Main Road	150 0 0	Meat Supervision—Salaries	182 0 0
" Public Park	23 0 0	Bellowing Inspection	7 0 0
Public Park	23 0 0	Oil and Sundries	4 12 5
Meat Supervision Fees	182 5 0		193 14 0
Contractors' Deposits	30 2 0	Audit Fees	10 10 0
Private Streets Formation	3 7 2	Law Expenses	12 15 0
Hall Fees	119 12 6	Election Expenses	13 10 0
Pound Sales	1 10 0	President's Allowance	25 0 0
Special Improvement Charge, Victorian Railways	4 0 0	Charitable Institutions	25 0 0
Town of Northcote, Joint Work	15 12 8	Donation to Preston Library	50 0 0
Cancelled Cheques (Advance for Analysis)	2 2 0	Books, Stationery, and Advertising	21 5 0
		Printing	22 9 11
		Petty Cash and Stamps	32 2 5
		Rents and Leases	2 1 0
		Miscellaneous Expenditure	48 4 11
		Pound Expenses	1 10 0
		Superannuation	20 5 0
		Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	25 15 0
		Interest and Sinking Fund, No. 1 Loan	700 0 0
		Interest and Bank Account Charge	1 1 0
		Metropolitan Fire Brigades' Board	84 19 0
		Balance Bank	353 6 2
		Outstanding Cheque	2 13 5
			349 13 3
	£4564 13 7		£4564 13 7

STATEMENT OF CONTRACTS.

Contracts Accepted during Year—Nos. 1926 to 2256, 1500 to 1501	Fulfilled from Last Year.	Amount of Contract.	Excess.	Deductions	Amount Paid.	Balance.
	£1026 13 0	£1050 9 1	£103 1 1	£17	£1100 16 0	£1029 17 4

Loan Account for Year ending 30th September, 1908.

1908. LIABILITIES.		1908. ASSETS.	
Sept. 30—To No. 1 Loan, 4½ per cent.	£40,000 0 0	Sept. 30—By Sinking Fund of £1,000 per annum, with accumulated interest to 30th Sept., 1908	£4250 10 1
each at 5 per cent. per annum, due Nov. 1st, 1926		Balance	3849 0 11
	£40,000 0 0		£40,000 0 0

Special Improvement Charge No. 1 Account.

1907. RECEIPTS.		1908. EXPENDITURE.	
Sept. 30—To Balance 30-9-07	£167 12 7	Sept. 30—By Bank Charge and Account	£0 0
1908.		Interest on Loan	10 0 0
Sept. 30— " Annual Charges	75 4 5	Sinking Fund	32 16 11
		Balance	99 7 4
	£242 17 4		£242 17 4

Special Improvement Charge No. 1 Loan Account.

1908. LIABILITIES.		1908. ASSETS.	
Sept. 30—To 17 Debentures of £50 each, at 4½ per cent. per annum, from date of issue to 30th Sept. 1st, 1916	£850 0 0	Sept. 30—By Sinking Fund of £1,000 per annum, with accumulated interest to Sept. 30, 1908	£168 0 6
		Interest	6 5 7
		Balance	675 14 7
	£850 0 0		£850 0 0

Audited, found correct, and allowed, with exception of £2 disallowance, being cost of engrossing and framing presentation address to Cr. J. C. Newton, paid September 9th, 1908.

THOS. WOODWARD, F.C.P.A., Government Auditor.

October 23rd, 1908.

The foregoing Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th day of September, 1908, was finally examined, audited and allowed by the Council of the Shire of Preston this 16th day of November, 1908.

E. ALLCHIN, President.

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IF anyone told you they could save half your Boot and Shoe bill you would be pleased. Yet that can easily be done, and be done by everybody. It just depends on the Polish you use. All Boot Polishes (with one exception) are simply and solely made to produce a shine. That exception is DURBAR Boot Polish (Black or Brown), whose first object is to feed and soften the leather, thus preventing cracking and "roughing," in addition to producing a brilliant and lasting polish. DURBAR Boot Polish doubles the wear of boot and shoe uppers, and so makes one pair last as long as two formerly did. But be sure you get "DURBAR." Ask for it and see that you get it. It costs the same as ordinary polish and is sold by all good stores.

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First class Materials and Best Workmanship at Lowest Prices.

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Wedding Cake Boards and Ornaments for hire.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS. Tea and Coffee always ready.

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Church Notices.

ST. SAVIOUR CHURCH, Nunscene
Rev. A. C. Hill, M.A., Rector.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. "The Second Coming of Christ"; morning, 11 a.m. "The Mystery of the Great Unveiling."
HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY.
Third Sunday in Advent.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
3 p.m. Choral Evensong and Sermon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Queen Street, Melbourne.
Rev. HECTOR FERGUSON, Minister.
Sunday, "The Friend of this World."
Evening, "The Mystery of the Great Unveiling."

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES STREET).
Sabbath Services:
Rev. R. W. ROCK, morning and evening.
Sunday, Communion Service.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday Services:
Morning, "JESUS ONLY."
Evening, Rev. R. W. THOMPSON.
Subject: "Sin Unpardonable."

NORTHCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH, Rosenberg Hall, Dundas Road.
Sunday School at 2.45 p.m.
All are invited to all services.

PRINCE OF WALES PARK MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday Services:
Morning, Rev. J. SHILTON.
Evening, Rev. J. SHILTON.
All Seats Free. Strangers welcome.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH.
Services:
Morning, Mr. J. MANKEY.
Evening, Rev. J. SHILTON.
Subject: "Christ's Conformity to Circumstance."

SALVATION ARMY, MITCHELL ST., NORTHCOTE.
Sunday, 13th December.
Meetings at 7 and 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Local Government.

TOWN OF NORTHCOTE.
TRAM CAR AND DUMMY.

Tenders will be received at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, until 4 p.m. on the 21st inst. for the purchase of a secondhand Tram Car and Dummy. The Car and Dummy may be inspected at the Car Sheds of the Melbourne Tramway & Omnibus Co., Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill.

Terms cash on delivery to be taken at the said Car Sheds.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order,
W. G. SWIFT,
Town Clerk.
11/12/08.

Wanted to Sell.

FIRST-CLASS Garden Soil (rich, black loam) for Sale.—J. Miller, Reserve's Estate, Northcote.

BUILDING SAND, screen or fine; also 3/4 gravel and fine-dressed metal, delivered in all suburbs. A. Brongeam, Lygon-st., Carlton. 'Phone 1106.

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Wanted.

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WANTED, Apprentice to Dressmaking.—Mrs. Redmond, 408 High street, Northcote.

Educational.

ELOCUTION.

MISS ELSIE BERRY, (Certificated) Winner of Medals and Championships, 1902; Bendigo and Maryborough Championships, 1903; and 1904 other medals and championships.

Receives pupils privately and in class at "Stanmore," 57 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

CLIFTON HILL.

MISS MURIEL LAZARUS

ELOCUTIONIST.

CERTIFICATED Pupil of Mr. GEORGE LUPTON.

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Speakers, lecturers, and others taught the art of clear enunciation and articulation. Much more than elocution. Voice training.

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Terms at Gladstone Street, Northcote.

Westleigh College (1892), MICHAEL ST., NORTH FITZROY.

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Principals: MISSES WESTGARTH, Assisted by Visiting Staff (Visiting and Resident).

Examinations by Jerome Pratt.

CLASSES for Music, Singing, Drawing, Painting, Needlework, Dressmaking, Dancing, Calisthenics, Physical Exercises, Elocution, Languages, Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping, Arithmetic, Domestic Science (including cookery, laundry work, and housewifery), Kindergarten, Preparation for Public Examinations, Lectures on Literature, Art, and Science, and Physical Culture.

Prospectus, Class Arrangements, and Terms on application.

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Mince Meat, 2d lb.

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FIVE POUNDS FOR 1/-.

EVERYTHING AT EQUALLY LOW PRICES.

COMPARE THE QUALITY.

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Three acres of grounds, beautifully laid out in avenues, arbours, rustic bungalows, tiers floored and lined, covered walk rooms, lounges, concert hall, lit throughout with electric light.

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Perfect appointments. The beach is considered one of the finest in Victoria. Children taught with safety.

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Weekly, 35/
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Holiday Resort.

Post of Mr. Dandenong.

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Men's Box Derby Sals., 4/11
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No Extra Attachment Required.
Heats Water in 10 Minutes.
Made in 24 inch size only.
Three boiling holes only. Cast iron double oven doors.
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Each Stove supplied with plate, pan-cake, set lifter, & flue brush.
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Assisted by Staff of Visiting Masters.
During 1907 twelve pupils entered for examinations in Music, and were graded by the Royal Academy of Music and all passed, with honours in the Higher Grades.
Students are prepared for Royal Academy of Music, University, and other Examinations.
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MR. LEONARD B. COLE
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PROFESSOR OF VOICE PRODUCTION AND SINGING, ROYAL ACADEMY.
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Pupils prepared for London College, Conservatorium, and Royal Academy.
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"Glen Coe," Terms on ONE-FIVE application.
Northcote.

EDGAR E. SCHWAEBSCH,
Teacher of
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Pupils prepared for Competitions and Examinations.

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Pupils prepared for Examinations.

Last Miss RUBY GROVES and Miss Isabel Hughes (Pianoforte, Trinity College, London, and Melbourne Conservatorium). Dec. 19th.—In Competition played 10 fugues & 2 sounds, amongst whom Miss Ruby Groves, my accompanist, played.—

Terms on application—Sutton's, Bourke street, Melbourne; Albert St., Abbotsford.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.

Published Every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12th, 1908.

A meeting of the general committee of the Arbor Arbitration relief fund was held on Saturday night. Mr. Hayes presiding. The current returns on the sub-collection lists was adopted. The secretary announced that the sum of £1000 had been received to date, and that £1000 more (Bank of Australasia, Bourke-street, Melbourne, Number 8426) had been deposited to the credit of the fund. The following subscriptions were announced:—Mr. Hayes, £25; Mr. Bell, £25; Mr. Mitchell, £25; Mr. Mackay, £25; Mr. Lindsay, £25; Mr. Lindsay (additional), £25; Mr. Lindsay (additional), Morris Moore and Dymock, £25; Mr. Lindsay (additional), £25; Mr. Lindsay (additional), £25; Mr. Lindsay (additional),

TRUE TILL DEATH.

By Will Bangsen.

If you the Bohemia's the Russian
Or the Bohemia's the Dane
Or the Bohemia's the Hungarian
Or the Bohemia's the Slav
Or the Bohemia's the Spaniard
Or the Bohemia's the Swede
Or the Bohemia's the Roumanian
Or the Bohemia's the Greek
Or the Bohemia's the Italian
Or the Bohemia's the Turk
Or the Bohemia's the Arab
Or the Bohemia's the Egyptian
Or the Bohemia's the Chinaman
Or the Bohemia's the Japanese
Or the Bohemia's the Indian
Or the Bohemia's the Negro
Or the Bohemia's the Mexican
Or the Bohemia's the Canadian
Or the Bohemia's the Australian
Or the Bohemia's the Cossack
Or the Bohemia's the Pole
Or the Bohemia's the Irishman
Or the Bohemia's the Scotchman
Or the Bohemia's the Welshman
Or the Bohemia's the Englishman
Or the Bohemia's the American
Or the Bohemia's the Frenchman
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Or the Bohemia's the Afghan
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Or the Bohemia's the Siamese
Or the Bohemia's the Malay
Or the Bohemia's the Javanese
Or the Bohemia's the Filipino
Or the Bohemia's the Australian
Or the Bohemia's the Tasmanian
Or the Bohemia's the Maori
Or the Bohemia's the Hawaiian
Or the Bohemia's the Samoan
Or the Bohemia's the Tongan
Or the Bohemia's the Fijian
Or the Bohemia's the Solomon Islander
Or the Bohemia's the Papuan
Or the Bohemia's the Negrito
Or the Bohemia's the Negrillo
Or the Bohemia's the Negroid
Or the Bohemia's the Zulu
Or the Bohemia's the Kaffir
Or the Bohemia's the Hottentot
Or the Bohemia's the Bushman
Or the Bohemia's the Abyssinian
Or the Bohemia's the Nubian
Or the Bohemia's the Moor
Or the Bohemia's the Algerian
Or the Bohemia's the Tunisian
Or the Bohemia's the Tripolitan
Or the Bohemia's the Egyptian
Or the Bohemia's the Sudanese
Or the Bohemia's the Abyssinian
Or the Bohemia's the Somali

NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

Monday, December 7.

Present:—Cr. Tharratt (Mayor) (in the chair), Mitchell, Williams, Robb, Washington, Sharp, Hayes, McIntosh, Smith, Phau, Canaly, Little and Bainbridge.

An apology was received from Cr. Archibold, who had been detained by important business.

Sewerage and the Condition of Streets.

The Metropolitan Board of Works wrote stating that the work of sewerage construction had been completed within the area bounded by Westgarth street, Harper street, Mason street, Clarke street, St. George's road, Rennes avenue, and Merri Creek, and the streets have been thrown open for traffic. The contractor would have to maintain those streets for 6 months.

The town clerk said he received this letter on the 30th ult. and at once handed it to the engineer.—Received.

Water for Rim Street Refused.

The Metropolitan Board wrote declining to extend the water in Elm street, as requested by the council, on account of inadequate return.—Received.

Thornbury Subdivision.

The Surveyor-General wrote stating it was the intention in connection with the subdivision of the Thornbury estate into to have the streets formed into roads and channelled the same as at Pender's Grove estate, and he would request that the council have the plans and estimates prepared as quickly as possible in order that the allotments may be gazetted for sale as an early date.

Cr. Phau moved and Cr. Woolhouse seconded that the request be complied with.—Carried.

The town clerk pointed out that a difficulty would arise through this subdivision by the concentration of sewerage in the south-west corner, which in the engineer's opinion would have to be taken through private land to the Merri Creek.

The mayor said later on they would have to discuss this with the Closer Settlement Board with a view of getting them to share in the expense.

A £500 Subsidy.

The Department of Public Works wrote intimating that £1000 had been placed on the estimates towards the completion of the stonework sewer, on condition that the council expends £1000.

The town clerk said he had received a wire that the £1000 should read £600. (Laughter).

The mayor.—They raise our hopes and then slash them to the ground.

Slaughtering Statistics.

The Agricultural Department wrote asking to be furnished with the number of cattle, sheep, and pigs killed for local use at the Northcote abattoirs for year 1907; also the number of carcases condemned and what diseases they were condemned for.

The town clerk intimated that the information had been supplied.

A Mid-day Letter Delivery.

J. Hume Cook, M.P., wrote intimating that the Postmaster-General has agreed to the establishment of a mid-day letter delivery at Northcote, by the employment of a temporary letter carrier, pending the appointment of additional permanent staff, such delivery to be limited to High street and a few business places in the southern portion of the town.

The town clerk intimated that the mid-day delivery had commenced that day.

Gas for McCracken Avenue.

The Metropolitan Gas Co. wrote acknowledging application for extension of gas to McCracken avenue, and stating the matter is being enquired into.—Received.

A Dust Nuisance.

The Melbourne City Council wrote inviting this council to be represented at a conference on Wednesday, 9th inst., to consider the best means of dealing with the dust nuisance.

Crs. Robb and Hayes were appointed to attend.

Municipal Lighting.

The City of South Melbourne wrote asking council to send two representatives to a conference to take into consideration the advisability of providing municipal lighting.

Crs. Smith and Canaly were appointed to attend.

Water for Pitcher Setting.

The Metropolitan Board of Works wrote in reply to council's letter of 26th ult. asking permission for Messrs. Dynan Bros. to use water for grouting pitchers in certain lanes in Northcote, stating that before the work was commenced the contractors should pay at the head office for all water to be used at the rate of 2s per 100 sq. yds. of pitching.

Improving the Water Supply.

The Borough of Kew wrote urging that pressure be brought by the municipalities on their Parliamentary representatives with a view to the Metropolitan Board obtaining full power to carry out the proposed scheme for augmenting the present water supply, that is by proceeding with the O'Shannassy scheme.

Cr. Mitchell moved that the request be complied with, as undoubtedly the O'Shannassy scheme was the best, and would prevent the possibility of any shortage in the future. Moreover it would supply water to Box Hill and the highest land around Melbourne, which the Silvercloth scheme would not.

Cr. Phau seconded.—Carried.

The Preston Drainage.

The Shire of Preston wrote relative to drainage into the Darebin drain, intimating that the council had had the conference with the proprietors of the noxious industries, and that they had undertaken that those premises with which the council is concerned will be erected to that effect, and their instructions have been instructed accordingly. The proprietors of the tracks stated that they had made great effort to improve their drainage, but promise to do all in their power to remedy matters if they possibly can. From enquiries made it is apparent that the Metropolitan Board never would reach Preston in 20 years, and that the delaying the Darebin entirely of all trade business.—Received.

The Bank and Money for Private Street Construction.

A. C. Dafoun, local manager Commercial Bank, wrote stating his directors had sanctioned the advance of £1677 for private street construction, but, under the present monetary conditions, they could not do the business at less than 5 per cent. Further, the bank would prefer not to do any more business of this kind, as it was contrary to the usual conditions of banking.—Referred to the finance committee on the motion of Crs. Plant and Hayes.

Wholesale School Shops.

W. H. Gray wrote, on behalf of the trustees of Northcote Methodist Church, asking for permission to convert their school buildings on the east side of High street into shops, plans of which were forwarded.—Granted, subject to the approval of the engineer.

Removal of Leaves.

Henry Bishop wrote applying for renewal of his noxious trades' licence, referred to the inspector for report.

Applications by Messrs Dickenson and James were dealt with in the same way.

An Acknowledgment.

J. G. Latham wrote thanking Cr. Plant and the town clerk for arranging attention to his communications with condition in which Merri street had been left by the sewerage contractors.

A Sedentary Application.

The Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., wrote asking that a water tap be placed in High street, near Arthur's road reserve, as they considered same was a public necessity.—Referred to the works committee.

Fencing Across a Drain.

John H. Smith wrote applying for permission to erect a fence which will cross a drain adjoining land in Derby street, on which he proposed erecting villas. He was prepared to pay a nominal sum and keep the drain in sanitary condition.—Referred to works committee, engineer to report.

Pender's Grove Estate Matters.

H. B. Barnes, secretary Pender's Grove Settlers' Association, wrote asking that a contribution be made towards the laying of the water on to the estate and pressed for the works on account of them having no pipes. He stated that they would supply the pipes themselves as it would be a serious thing to be without the water in the hot summer months. The writer also complained about the newly formed footpath being cut up by cart traffic. He had further interviewed Smith in front of the house all day to prevent it, but it did not have any effect. He would also suggest that warning notices be put up, after which he would be prepared to give information about any offender.

Cr. Mitchell said he had interviewed about the pipes and they would be ready in a day or two.

The mayor said he could not consider the fencing of the quarry street element, when they had to wait 3 weeks for pipes.

Cr. Canaly said action should be taken to protect the footpaths.

Cr. Hayes moved that notices be put up and that the inspector be asked to proceed on any cases brought under his notice.—Carried.

Application for Council's Paddock.

W. H. Bailey wrote stating his willingness to rent the council's paddock in Separation street.

As the paddock is to be used for improvement purposes it was decided to take no action in regard to letting it.

Public Works Committee.

The report was submitted by Cr. Hayes, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £143 9s 6d be passed for payment.—Carried.

2. To report that 8 bubbling pot mills have been issued within the last fortnight and £5 12s 6d (fee) collected.—Adopted.

3. Normanby Avenue, paving fast, path south side.—That the work be referred for consideration with the estimates.—Adopted.

Finance Committee.

Cr. Plant submitted the report, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £167 18s 6d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. G. H. Franklin, re grass nuisance.—That a notice be published in the "Northcote Leader" and also posted throughout the Town to intimate that on and after the 1st day of January, 1909, all grass found standing will be seized and destroyed.—Adopted.

Ordinary Business.

Cr. Smith said that since the subdivision of Brooker's estate the drains past his factory had been backfilled with stones thrown in by boys. He moved that the engineer's attention be drawn and have the drain cleared.—Carried.

Cr. Smith also called attention to the dangerous condition of the tramway crossing in front of his factory, on the whole of the holes dipping and throwing the wagons about. He moved that the engineer and check-weighman be applied to the horse tripped on the crossing.—Carried. Also that the engineer.

Cr. Smith.—It is really dangerous, Mr. Chairman.

Cr. Bainbridge said the abandoned tramway was dangerous. He moved that the engineer be requested to report.

Cr. Smith seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Bainbridge said the ratepayers about Westgarth street were complaining of the small crossing from the basement of the drain down there. He moved that the matter be referred to the works committee to see what can be done.—Carried.

Cr. Little wanted to know if the engineer was aware of the requirements of the streets in which sewerage work had been practically completed.

Mr. Stone replied that he had a staff report ready to go to the engineer, on their return.

Cr. Little moved that the engineer report to the public works committee the condition of the lanry street referred to.—Carried.

Cr. Canaly asked if any new progress had been made in connection with the letting of the land from the Rifle Club for the carrying through of Victoria road.

The mayor replied that the company had been seen in the matter and had been intimated that the directors were willing to meet with respect to Robb's parade, and with respect to Robb's parade, Langwell's parade, and the land for Victoria road.

Cr. Plant said it looked as if the company were going to try and squeeze something out of them. He would move that the engineer be asked to receive representatives from the council to consider the matter of granting land for Victoria road only. Carried.

The mayor moved that another application be made to the Metropolitan Gas Co. to lay the gas in Separation street and Westgarth avenue.—Carried.

Orders of the Day.

1. To hear objections to the adoption of plans, specifications, schemes of apportionment, and of total cost of construction of steel rail kerbs and channels, laterals, and Watt's patent kerb and channel adjustable gratings, in connection with or without varistion or addition therewith.—Adopted, the only objection being that installing the street full width had not been provided for.

2. Committee of Council Report, clause 3, deferred. Report of Conference (2/10/08) re Treatment of Tuberculous Patients.—Adjourned.

4. Park or Reserve for East Ward.—Offer for sale of land for such purpose.—Referred for consideration with the estimates.

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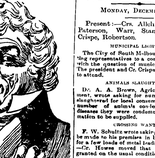

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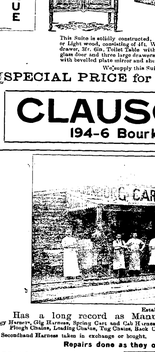

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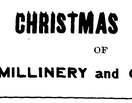

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

A special meeting of the Northcote Board of Advice was held in the Shire Hall on Friday, the 11th inst. Mr. Woolhouse in the chair. Present: Messrs. Bell, Bell, Hogan, Mann-McPherson, Sadler and Mitchell were also present. The minutes of the last meeting were read after the confusion caused by the last temperament for Bishop's songs, and were confirmed. Mr. Bell moved that the Board do not take part in the farmers' produce show to be held in the Town Hall, as it interfered with the dance on the following night. Mr. Mann seconded. Mr. E. J. Howard, who has been appointed by the Farmers' Union to arrange the show, addressed the Board. He pointed out that the show was a good standalone, the Woodcutters' Association having promised a good display of timber, and exhibitors have also been secured from Kyneton and Romsey. Mr. Howard is authorised to address the electors at the town hall, Northcote, this evening. Mr. Bell, seeing that the show was on Saturday evening, and at the Town Hall, Northcote, on Tuesday evening, and at Preston on Thursday evening, withdrew his motion.

Mr. Mounsey speaks at the Kimberley hall, Darnell road, on Wednesday evening.

Northern Wards' Ratepayers' Association.

The December meeting of the above society was held in the Shire Hall on Tuesday, 15th inst. The monthly committee's meeting was held at 7.30 p.m., when the secretary read a long correspondence from the previous two months, which was of a very interesting character. Mr. Bond is introduced to the meeting as the secretary of the Progress Association, and he was very assistance in the matter of the Northcote Municipal Band, and asking the co-operation of the Ratepayers' Association requesting that delegates should attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 14th inst., at the Shire Hall, in connection with the movement to form a Municipal Band. Messrs. Bell and Mann were appointed delegates, and they to report to the next meeting. Correspondence from Mr. Bell, M.P., re Preston Council, Preferential, Mr. F. J. Sadler, re Preston Council, Preferential, and tramways, Mr. E. Ingham (council), re Preston Council, Preferential, Mr. Mann, re Preston Council, Preferential, were all received and dealt with.

Mr. Walker, secretary and auditor, for the High street, Northcote Social, advertises some of the list of goods given away, and the total sum of over £20.

The Advisory Board's concert on Friday last attracted to the Comon recreation ground a large number of people, and although the weather was unfavorable for the evening, the night being cold and boisterous, the night being a fine one, a good time was spent.

A la carte is the kind hung over the roofs of London; while a thick fog, in which a man can't see his hand before his face, is the London particular, in which the Londoner is at his best. Dickens has described it, but it was one of the saddest days I ever spent in London when I was a couple of years from one's own door.

The streets were filled with people the hour, full on the car with a soulful sound; the shops were lighted, and the gas-jet patches in the fog; figures, when distinguished at all, looked like the figures in "Macbeth," or some strange crew. Then the yellow re-sent in.

I found my way down to the little Cafe Chantant, and was just in time to hear the candidates for matrimony already seated.

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NORTHCOTE MUSICAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday evening in the townhall this society held its eighth concert, and it was, unavoidably, rather late in the season, and the attendance was not as large as it should have been. Mr. Pilot, the president of the society, at the close of the concert heartily congratulated the conductor (Mr. Wm. Wilkes, M.C.M.) on the complete success of the choir during the season, and also on the success of the concert just completed. He referred to the more than pleasant to know that the society was capable of such excellent work, and he was sure long that there was not more people present to hear it. Mr. Pilot also congratulated the secretary (Mr. Bell) on the manner in which Miss Pocock's second work as a pianist was received, and he was sure that the society would be glad to hear her again. He also complimented the band of the multitude as well as the choir, and the soloists, Miss Pocock and Mr. Bell, on their singing. Mr. Pilot also appealed to only the choir, but to the audience, to help the society to be successful in the future. To this end he urged that the best way to do this was to get more people interested in the work, and to induce them to become members of the society. He was sure that the best temperament for Bishop's songs, and was one that fitted the choir admirably. The overture, "Zampa," was then rendered by the band, and was followed by the first time the part-song "Lay of the Lost," by the choir, which was rendered with excellent effect. The next item was the solo, "Love's Request," by Mr. Bell, which was rendered in a very pleasing manner, and was followed by the part-song "Ye Banks and Braes," which was also rendered with excellent effect. The next item was a violin solo, "Andante Religioso," by Mr. Wilkes

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"The stirring narratives of Indian adventures of 30 or 40 years ago are always of interest to our young folk, and I recall one which I read in my own dear home when I was a boy, that I have often had to contend with."

As Samuel Bowditch, one of the early settlers on Green River, in Kentucky, was going across a patch of swamp one afternoon, about half a mile from his dwelling, he took after some cattle, he heard a stick snap behind him, and turning quickly saw before he found himself confronted with a huge bear. The animal was apparently very much put out with a rifle ball which had passed through the thigh, and the bowditch was prepared to give him the finishing stroke with his knife. The bear, however, was not disposed to be killed in that way, and with a fierce growl, which was answered by a shout of defiance from the settler, he made a rush at him. Bowditch was unable to avoid the attack, and was thrown to the ground, and held by his opponent in a manner that rendered it impossible for him to use his knife. The bear, however, was not disposed to kill his victim at once, but seemed to be satisfied with the accomplishment of his object, which was to disable him, and then, by means of his superior strength, to overpower him and carry him off to his den. Bowditch, however, was not to be so easily disposed of, and he struggled to his feet and succeeded in getting his knife free, but the bear would not release his hold, and the settler was unable to strike a blow. Finding that he could not get away from the bear, Bowditch made up his mind to sell his life as dearly as possible, and he therefore began to cut at the animal's head with his knife, and after a few blows succeeded in killing it. He then found that the bear had bitten him in several places, and that he was bleeding freely from the wounds. He was also very much exhausted, and he therefore sat down by the side of the bear to rest himself. He had not been there long before he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him, and looking round he saw a huge panther creeping stealthily upon him. He had no weapon with which to defend himself, and he knew that he must die unless he could find some means of escape. He therefore sprang to his feet, seized his dead adversary by the hind legs, and dragged the body with him as a shield between himself and the panther. The latter, however, was not to be so easily baffled, and it followed him step by step, and every now and then made a spring at him, but Bowditch managed to keep the bear's body between himself and his enemy, and so escaped being attacked. He continued to drag the bear with him for about a mile, when he came to a small stream, and he then threw the body into the water, and left it there. He then made his way to his home, and on the following day he returned to the spot with a party of friends, and they found the panther lying dead on the bank of the stream, and they carried it home with them. Bowditch was laid up for a month with his wounds, but he eventually recovered, and he lived to be a very old man.

CHORLEY'S ADVENTURES.

A HELPING HAND.

By Arnold Goldsworthy.

Chorley had come down to a farm-house in the country for a week, as Mrs. Chorley was on a visit to her mother, who was, of course, a dear old soul, but a bit of a bore. Chorley was the sort that, as the fortune-tellers say, is domestic, and he was quite satisfied with the accommodation. The only drawback was that his rusticity appealed to the humorous side of the lad of mostly bustling city. When he was downstairs on the second morning, before the farmer, who had just returned from a tour of inspection,

"Say, mister," he asked, "don't there sometimes happen to be some fights about this place just to help a little?"

"Why, certainly," answered the farmer. "We're dreadfully short-handed for fighting. Have you any time on at present?"

"Is the name of the manger-inverts for 'em?"

"Not as ever I knows," replied Chorley, "if you'll lend me a knife and a plate, I'll call 'em up in three under a half hour. It's too hot to remain indoors to-day."

"You come along o' me," said the farmer encouragingly. "You got a lot to learn about farmin', I can see that." We cuts up the mangel-worzels in the fall o' the year, and have a machine for a job like that."

Chorley followed the farmer to one of the barns, where a laborer was chopping at the mangel-worzels into a wooden trough. Chorley watched the operation.

"You can go and start work in the orchard, Bob," said the farmer, addressing the laborer, "and you can help him, Chorley, if you ain't used to it. As he spoke he pointed to a big, tall, and rather lopsided shoot for a shady spot, where Chorley could sit and work. He sat down in the shade and took up his knife. A moment later the two reached the shoot. He put a thirteen-pound sack on the floor of sheep were grazing. Chorley took up a position in the shade of an oak tree, and gave a sigh of relief.

"Now, then, mister," called one of them sheep, "stir your stumps, and look lively with the knife."

"Who's the boss man?" asked Chorley nervously. "I'm not going to hurt nobody."

"Why, you are, mister!" exclaimed John's sarin' they won't hurt you. They're a pair o' lambs, and as quiet as asses, when they see a stranger, as they've never seen before. Come and help me with the knife."

"Rubbish," exclaimed Chorley, "I'm off."

"Well, all right, mister," returned the boy, "only don't say as I didn't warn you." And he stuck his hands in his pockets and began whistling a tune.

Chorley looked at the boy, and he never heard anything so ridiculous as the boy's whistling, and he laughed aloud. He sat and looked at the sheep, and the half-closed eyes as they browsed contentedly on the mangel-worzels, showing no being in any way aggressive. He got up, and, with a determined look, he stuck it up, to the conservatory, "I don't want one, and I'll be back directly."

"But I don't know anything about them."

"I'll find out, and if it's too large for the conservatory, stick it on the lawn, and, if that ain't big enough, I'll lay the next plot to order to make room. There's any o' them fly-by-nights higher than we can help when it comes to a question of trees, I'll buy 'em to order for four pun'."

Chorley hesitated.

"Look here, John," she confessed at last, "I don't just know where to go for anything for that tree. Where do they keep the family trees and all such things?"

"What do you suppose I know about it?" he exclaimed. "You're running the fashion end of this establishment, and I don't want to be bothered with it. If the florist can't tell you anything about it, bust up a first-class nursery-man and place your order with him."

That is, they all scattered except one. That one, somehow, ran in the wrong direction, and was underneath Chorley before he knew it with a crash.

Chorley shuddered when he felt the unhappy porker squeeze past his feet and, as he struggled to his feet and surveyed the damage, he could not help but form himself the fact that the sow would never suffer again. At the same moment the farmer appeared.

"Bless my soul!" he gasped, "what have you been doing?"

"Slipped—then—sheep," panted Chorley, polishing himself down with his handkerchief, "and—then—sow. I'm very sorry, but I hadn't ran hard—I should have got pretty badly bitten. You wouldn't be here things like—"

"Bitten!" said the farmer, half a smile, "why, you've been talking about the sheep just to help a little?"

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FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

The average man is quite convinced that he can manage any woman, any newspaper, or any nation better than they are managed at present. Mr. Churchill, when he fell in a Richmond street the other day and struck gore to show that the average man is sometimes laboring under a misapprehension. He was walking quietly along, and was in no way interfering with anyone when a rough, although apparently cool and collected, young man deliberately struck him. When he urged the brute on, it simply struck him again. Mr. Churchill, who is a man of mostly feeling, then knocked the brute down, and, as he was getting up, struck him a second blow. Then the brute, who had just returned from a visit to the Antipodes, where he had learned the art of self-defence, put up his hands in his back grew larger and larger, and the fire of battle burned in his eyes. Mr. Churchill, who had had a long on to the side of the barn, and watching for an opening, struck again. He turned the handle till the sweat poured down his face, and the water in the tank grew cooler. During one of his intervals of rest, he heard a voice behind him, and, to his astonishment, he beheld the little comfortable, wealthy, strong, healthy, and unexplored ground. The settler, who had been working hard for a month, had to be sighted directly at the heart, and he was dead. The savage threw up his hand convulsively, uttered a noise between a groan and a yell, and fell back quivering on the earth. Bowditch took time to reload, and then approached him cautiously.

The fight had been quite dead, and when he had secured everything of value, he left the savage and body down the creek, and left it to be devoured by the wild beasts of the forest. He then made his way to his home, and related his exploit to his astonished family, who were very glad to see him again.

There was nothing to this declamation, however, and Bowditch has gone on his pursuer was within fair view, when the savage turned round at full, and then got up and ran with a limp, which Bowditch knew was a gash with fever delight, and redoubled his exertions to overtake him. This was exactly what he intended to bring about, and now feeling somewhat safe, he gave vent to a derisive yell, which was answered by a similar cry from the savage, who had heard the yelling discovered and joined in the pursuit. Bowditch's purpose was then to get at his captive, he threw down the ride belonging to the latter, and drawing his tomahawk, started toward him on a run. Bowditch, who had not noticed every motion, and knew that in his rage the savage would trust to steel only him, now gathered all his strength and made one desperate effort to free himself, acting rather from the instinct of self-preservation than from any real hope of success.

But to his great joy, his unspeakable joy, he heard and felt his enemy's grip crack and snap, and suddenly found himself free and his arms at liberty. He looked quickly and wildly around, almost dropping in his doubt and amazement to discredit his good fortune—for any fortune then seemed good which would give him even a bare chance for his life where he expected only certain death. The Indian was at least a foot taller than himself, and was armed with a knife and tomahawk, while that start is a race for life—he was unarmed. He uttered not only his own life but that of his beloved wife and children—who in spite of fear as to overtake him?

With a loud yell of mingled joy and defiance, away he went over the hill, and with a louder yell of rage at his supposed cowardice, the fierce savage came bounding after him. Bowditch knew every inch of ground in that vicinity, and he had already regained sufficient presence of mind to shape his course so as to take advantage of it.

CHORLEY'S ADVENTURES.

A FAMILY TREE.

Must Get One, Anyhow.

"John," said Mrs. Alwood, thoughtfully, "everybody in society appears to think it an awful lot of genealogy these days."

"Phoebe what?" exclaimed John's looking up from his evening paper.

"Genealogy, dear. It's about family trees."

"I don't exactly know," replied Mrs. Alwood, "but I think it's one of some sort. At least, I heard some ladies refer to it as a family tree."

"Well, what of it?" he asked.

"Why, it seems to be a sort of fad you know, and everyone who is anyone has to have one. I suppose I—"

"Buy one, then," he said, irritably. "Buy the best in town and have the bill sent to me, but don't bother me with the details of that affair. Get one and stick it up in the conservatory, if you want one, and let me read."

"But I don't know anything about them."

"I'll find out, and if it's too large for the conservatory, stick it on the lawn, and, if that ain't big enough, I'll lay the next plot to order to make room. There's any o' them fly-by-nights higher than we can help when it comes to a question of trees, I'll buy 'em to order for four pun'."

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KINGS OF THE AIR.

How the Wrights Learned to Fly.

Have known the Wrights, Willis and Orville, said an American friend to me the other day, since they were no higher than this table, and I can't help thinking of them as boys still. I remember when they were always making things in the air. When they were not flying kites they were playing at marbles or tops they would be off together to some field, and I have seen them spend an hour at a time on end flying kites, and I am sure they dreamed of flying.

Their father—a clever, long-headed man, who is a bishop of the United Brethren Church—put it in their heads. He gave them an ingenious little machine called the "bird of paradise," a curiously built affair with saw-and flew well, too—by means of a rubber band. Then he got a more elaborate machine, which he himself constructed, and which was a success. Finally, he gave them a machine of his own design, which was a success. Finally, he gave them a machine of his own design, which was a success. Finally, he gave them a machine of his own design,

THE NORTHCOTE TRAMS.

MR. HENDERSON'S REPORT.

Henderson, the tramway engineer, relating to the Trams' issue recently published in the Leader, and with which at present is associated to the town council and Mr. Gillis for repairing the tramway generally, characterised it as "the usual mass of incorrect statements." The report presented by Mr. Henderson to the council says:—

"With regard to the statements that have been made when were approached by the council, I may say that I was not aware of any. If any defective woodwork was revealed it was not brought to my notice, and I am sure it was not so. As to the cost of the work, I may say at once the repairs are made the cost according to the last issues. Of the sidings at the Fire Station I am ignorant, but I do know that the sidings at the Bell Gate, Preston Gate, Lee-st., corner east over £40, and in other reports would very considerably exceed that sum. It is not the statement that the cost of these repairs is only £20 10s 6d. that I object to, but the inference that is drawn at the ignorance that readers such an amount can be made. The wearing parts of the rails, the fishplates, bolts, and chairs, the points, crossings, and sleepers, will require new and new plates and chairs. Some of these were left in the sheds when I took charge of the pipes. Several new sleepers were put in, and the rails were lifted and packed, and the worn parts ground out and all the joints made as close in the leaks of all the grippers were made good, and I consider that that was all that was required to be done at the present time. The grippers were not taken out and replaced by the newer pieces and chocks and cleats were renewed, but this is owing to wear that has been done during the last month, and I am sure reference to the sheets must about £70 and I consider that the repairs that have been made have been necessary. However, the sheets referred to, the statement that "defective woodwork was revealed" is incorrect. I would wish that to be affected by any reports in the future, as I am sure any tramway engineer knows that the rails are not only useless but are an unwarrantable danger to the public. Any defective woodwork would be very dangerous to the public if it were not renewed to be done when it was the present time. The statement that "there is only 6 inches of wear on the rails" is incorrect. I would say that the rails are not worn more than half an inch, and that is a fair amount of wear for the time they have been laid down. However, the rails are in a fair condition, and will last for some time yet, but at very much reduced speed. I also state the contrast is in the position of having an engineer whose statements are untrue, as I do not believe it is the intention of the council to purpose to their property, therefore we have no fear of the result of the inquiry.

From some obtained at the last meeting I am informed that Mr. Henderson has commenced to say complaints regarding the tramway system to cars and dampen an agitation for municipal control. With this pretension, Sir, which we do not allow Mr. Henderson a sporting offer. That if he can produce a report from any other engineer of equally good repute to ours and dispute ours we will give £25 to the poor of Northcote. If he fails to do so he shall give the same amount to the same cause.

We respectfully permit me to say with regard to rails recently laid by the late Issues, Mr. Henderson's remarks are most misleading. What does it matter, Sir, if these rails are 14 or 15 lbs. to the lineal yard, as they have been laid down for a specific work on, Sir, to explain. The depth of the wear on the surface on a new rail is about 4 inch, the depth of the wearing surface of these rails at the joints is 1 inch, and in the centre 1½ inch. These rails are also corrugated which means that their life will be very short. The average depth of the wearing surface of the rails on the Northcote lines is about 1½ inch, and the rails are worn down to about 1 inch.

Comments with Mr. Henderson's report.

[LETTER RECEIVED BY]

F. W. Meakin, Esq.

Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that there is a broken manhole cover on the east bound roadway just south of Westgarth's shop. It is dangerous to the heavy vehicular traffic passing over it, and I shall be glad if you will have same seen to as early as possible. I have also to point out that the last manhole cover on the west bound roadway at the south end of Westgarth's shop is slightly out of tone the pulley are worn away, and the cover is also badly deformed, to your rope. Had the cover been in proper order the accident to the conveyance would not have occurred. I shall be glad if you will have the matter attended to at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. MEAKIN.

The above letter was received by the writer on Tuesday morning. There was a good attendance present and the Cr. (Dr. A. Tillingham) invites, Mrs. W. Bailey, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Fisher and Gray (Hon. many delays), Mr. Bro. A. E. Terry, P.C.R., Mr. S. Newman, Mr. Dennis (re-elected), two Mr. Bro. Mr. Bro. Mr. Bro.

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Owing to the dislocation granted by the Governor there will be a general election for the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday next, 29th inst. It is partly based on the constituencies, when, instead of being able to enter into the details of the conflict, we engaged to go back to the much less pleasant occupation of busi-

Mr. Isaac Isaacs, Attorney-General, has honourably honoured himself in the position of having the distinction of being the first Minister of the Commonwealth under whose auspices he entered Parliament. Such a position is not to be despised by himself or, and more so in the present mixed state of politics, but in the meeting. Mr. Mcnulty's explanations have always been received with approval and all his friends will rejoice to see his skilful hand him; while the great services he has rendered to the country, the duties of his election as the "Local member" are sure to stand him in good stead. Mr. Mcnulty's opponent, we, if elected is — no new House, to follow my leader, the Liberal Party may obtain. His opponent on the occasion is Mr. Henry Bond, who has been a resident of the district for 30 years. Mr. Bond, who expect to be away on holiday should, we think, have left his address with the returning officer in case of any orders (Q. C. T. Colqe, J.P., Preston) for postal ballot-papers.

When the municipal history of Melbourne comes to be written the name of Professor Marshall-Hall is certain to have full prominence. No other person has said his say with such wide and diversion and his genius is so eminently successful a degree as the professor's. He is a Municipal Councillor, a Member of Parliament, a Professor of Music. This has been demonstrated again and again by the audience of crowded houses that have made their mark and attained a high reputation in that and other fields. Two performances—one concert, the other operatic—are given by the professor, who has secured considerable glory upon the conservatorium and the musical world, and has been accompanied by crowded and enthusiastic audiences. Last night's concert was given in the Town Hall, and was a success. The operatic production will be given to-night in the Athenæum, when Mr. Hall will be supported by Miss Ada Crossley, Miss Ada Adams, Mr. Ben Davies, and other well-known artists. The professor is to be congratulated on the success of what will become of the annual events.

Report by the Engineer.

The following report by the engineer, on the last other inspection of several up-to-date works in the district, will be read with interest by ratepayers. The engineer could report that nearly all the works were in a highly satisfactory condition, and that the whole of the plant was in good working order. The engineer's report is as follows:—"I have the honour to report that I have inspected the following works, and found the Government would go down and inspect them, and I have to report as follows:—Reservoir, No. 1 reservoir, Mount Pleasant, Lilydale—Roof, walls, floor, and outlet pipes in good condition. Reservoir, No. 2 reservoir, Mount Pleasant, Lilydale—Roof, walls, floor, and outlet pipes in good condition. Reservoir, No. 3 reservoir, Mount Pleasant, Lilydale—Roof, walls, floor, and outlet pipes in good condition. Reservoir, No. 4 reservoir, Mount Pleasant, Lilydale—Roof, walls, floor, and outlet pipes in good condition. 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Major-General Dobbie's Christmas Party.

Major-General Sir John Dobbie was a confirmed bachelor, and except on the rare occasions when his sister Mary Ann offered to preside over his household, he always lunched at his club during the time of the Recruit, attended by an altogether supernumerary army of recruits. He called that sort of thing comfort, and tried assiduously to persuade himself that it really was.

To-day, however, it was different. Yes, decidedly so. At eleven o'clock in the morning of December 25, in the absence of Our Lord 19—, the great distinguished was positively bored to extinction.

Standing back to the fire, his hands beneath his coat-tails, and his legs very wide apart, Sir John eyed the preparations thoughtfully.

This being Christmas Day, he had promised himself a rare treat. He had invited three old college chums to spend a few days at The Retreat. Somewhat to his surprise, all three had accepted with alacrity, and when the invites which the knowledge of his foible for dinner at eight punctual.

Sir John glanced up at the clock. Ten past seven; they would soon be here now. He strode across to the French window and looked out. It was snowing a little, and the wind howled dismally among the branches of the firs. It had been like that all day.

"What a horrible Christmas!" he muttered.

"Christmas, sir?" said the butler, who had come in unnoticed to lay the table. "Christmas, sir, you are the young gentleman who has been trespassing on my land? Who have you got with you, sir?"

"Stiffkin," came the answer, in tones of defiance.

"Don't you think you've got a dog enough for one day, sir, without bringing on my premises without paying any?" asked the gamekeeper.

"No, I don't! 'Pitch snitch of a place as you've got here, I'll be bound, and the very idea of the thing's an' beetles an' things. Didn't think I could have a dog, did you?"

"You shouldn't think," replied Sir John, somewhat sternly; "it's against the honored and considerable cathedral.

"Now, in consequence of which every member of this curious assembly was in appearance in the highest spirits. Even "Tramp No. 2" had thrown off his cloak of quiten reserve, and was talking volubly and

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That gentleman at once signified his willingness, and intimated that he would recite them a very fine and tragic incident from the history of his own life.

"I was born," he began, impressively, "in South Carolina."

At these words the object of his remarks snorted, and shifted his position uneasily.

"My father," went on the actor, "owned a plantation. There was but one of us in the family, my elder brother and myself. My mother died shortly after my birth. I remember we three were very happily together until I was about sixteen. Then a disturbance arose between my father and his neighbor. The latter, a man named Snipp, Sir John, ah!" he broke off suddenly.

"Snipp, sir?" echoed the butler. "Why, that's the name of the gentleman as is a-comin' to dinner to-night. Mr. Snipp, Sir John, sir, he's the—"

"Mount guard, you and Foster, over the 'Old Hall,' and if any person of the gentry turn in there for shelter, search 'em straight, by here."

"Yes, Sir John, sir."

The man bowed, and, left alone, Sir John fell into a reverie. Only that morning he had received from the medium destruction of the "old hall," a rambling old cottage standing in a field near the high road. Had it been so in a fit of irritability, on being told of it that it was useless except as a storing-place for trash.

"What, right," he said to himself, "have these wretches to quarter them. selves on me slightly without offering a farthing of payment? They are the property of Mary Ann, the dear creature, and I'm sure ought not to be such people's guests. Why, the very existence of the house would prevent her self, or herself, to ask so low. It is theft over, that's what it is—sheer theft. As they have made their bed, so they must lie on it. Confound 'em!"

Only that morning had he delivered himself of this plateau diction. And within the last few minutes a self-constituted committee beneath that outer crust of severity, had been in a state of ferment. Each member of he had overcome to the additional task then having lit a cigar, walked into the library. A few minutes later "Tramp No. 1" was standing before him.

She was a quite young, about nineteen, tall and ungainly-looking, but with a kind of decor distinction in her dark eyes. She assumed a defiant attitude as she encountered the gaze of the steward.

"Well, sir?" said Sir John, "you are the young man who has been trespassing on my land? Who have you got with you?"

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"Don't you think you've got a dog enough for one day, sir, without bringing on my premises without paying any? Mind, I don't like it!"

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"Don't you remember us, Sir John?" she said, sweetly.

The old man moves feebly from side to side.

"No, my dear; I'm afraid I don't," he answered. "But what it was—but what it was. But—but where was it you lived?"

"Here, Sir John, in this house; ten years ago to-day."

"Ah!" said Sir John, a lame smile on her face as that."

"We had a happy Christmas dinner with you, sir, you know, and—and a sad one after."

"Father was seems familiar," he said. "Haven't I seen you somewhere before, or—or—"

"That is quite possible," responded the other. "I've visited a good many places in my time. I am an actor."

"Oh, that is it, I expect. I have been told you at some time or other. Yes; that must be it."

He turned away, picked up a book, and sat down with his back towards them. The actor's eyes followed his every movement, with a curious, strained look in them. Then he, too, turned away, and the girl was standing. She glanced up at him.

"Sir John is a fine old gentleman," she said, "and a kind one, I believe. I am sure he would probably have never seen us, or heard of us, for years, but father and son will be coming down Christmas Eve under one roof!"

SOMETHING ABOUT MINCE-PIES.

The original Christmas mince-pies were oblong. They were filled with the chopped flesh of a sheep, and their shell-head was a Yule dish.

When Christian ceremonies took over the minced pagan escape, the pies of boar's meat became one of the customs of feasts. Our pork-pies still retain the shape of the ancient dish, while the old pies had crusts of meat and filling of fruit and spice. The Puritans abolished the pies as a relic of popery from the banquets, as they abolished Christmas itself, but they got back to them by shaping the crusts like mangers in memory of the cradle of Our Lord. This shape they kept for centuries. They were highly spiced within, typify the incense gifts of the Magi, and were colored yellow, not to shock the sun as the pies of boar's mince had done in the south. Rolling was left to the Wine Men.

TWO'S JOLLY FINE COMPANY.

Alderman Jinks was describing a magnificent dinner he had assisted at the previous evening.

"Fine old fellow, smacking his lips I never enjoyed a meal so much in my life. Oh! that turkey! What a bird! They had stuffed it to the eyes with truffles, and they fresh positively melted in the mouth. Rolling was left to the bones.

"How many of you were there?" someone asked.

"Oh, only two of us," was the somewhat startling reply.

"What!" "Only two?"

"Yes, two. Why not? The turkey and me."

Mother (in a very low voice): Tommy, your grandfather is very ill. Can't you say something nice to cheer him up a bit?

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FATHER CHRISTMAS, THE PEACEMAKER.

Scarcely any one can view the advent of Christmas without many memories, so much food anticipation, so much love, hope, joys, and regrets are bound up with the holy and festive season, that, even apart from its religious significance, it has come to be looked upon as a solemn day of peculiarly human interest.

In the home the celebration of Christmas seems especially designed for lovers and children. Here it centres on engagement in Eve; announced at dinner, or, if the secret be a shy one, after coffee and cracker. Presents are changed which may hold a tender meaning; cards are sent which hold in their folds words such as the lover himself dare not utter at other times. Cupid's darts.

Oh, those Christmas greeting cards —how many a maiden sets herself the riddle of wondering whether the amazing couplet really expresses Robert's inmost sentiments!

Father Christmas, indeed, takes opportunities for lovers which they might never make for themselves. His favorite device, hands clasped through the mistletoe bough, has settled many a dense yeoman service in its time, and will do good work again. Many a lovelorn lover can withstand the appeal which lurks in the motto, "Should old acquaintance be forgot?" Even a modern Father Christmas give a kiss for a kiss, never so long as she vouches her fealty by the mistletoe bough, and the old fellow has further chivalrous ways, and uncertain lovers, it is towards the young people that he is most interested the "little rift" that he appears in the light of trusty mediator. Romeo, although he feels the separation from Juliet, is not at all unhappy to own it in so many words, while Romeo with nothing better to do under Romeo's detection, would far rather be anywhere than in the Capulet entrance! Can I ever get back, he asks, who is to blame for a lovers' quarrel? and when neither chooses to say that here it is that Father Christmas steps into the breach. Neither of the pair will consent to say, "Let's kiss and be friends," but the Old Man of the Holly will pull fellow produces a whole sheaf of cards, one of which, he maintains, will make an excellent olive branch.

So Father Christmas becomes the peacemaker par excellence, and the old fellow is not to be blamed if he is occasionally a broken reconciliation, followed by a fit of "I'll never speak to her again! Oh! that turkey! What a bird! They had stuffed it to the eyes with truffles, and they fresh positively melted in the mouth. Rolling was left to the bones."

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BLOGGS' CHRISTMAS DINNER.

"My dear," said Bloggs, one night at tea a few weeks before Christmas, "I have arranged for our Christmas dinner. I saw Tomlinson to-day, and he will dine with us."

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On arriving at the inn, he described the whole to the landlady, who fitting her hands in merriment, said, "Why, Mr. Bloggs, you are a caution! I'll see to it myself."

Too much overcome to reply to this, Bloggs nodded his head, and then walked out into the yard, and made straight for Blissett's cottage, where he found the whole congregation coming out of church.

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It was at dinner that Bloggs was at his best. Comfortable, and on good terms, he also expressed himself happier than he had been for many a day; perhaps he was not far out.

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But he had no bad dinner. Bloggs was a strange things happen to us, and he was very generous; he would not like to rented him—"that would be the case." No, he would not—at least, not now.

The day before Christmas Eve came, and no letter; no advice. He wired to Tomlinson—"What about turkey?"—

and went home satisfied that he had done his duty.

The turkey was discussed that night at tea. Santa Claus was even frigid to among the little Bloggs.

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FOR THE LADIES.

A! OLD-FASHIONED RECIPE FOR AN EXCELLENT HAIRY.

Take a good-sized tender heart, ex. tract from it all remnants of selfishness, and add as follows:—

Stock well with love and kindness. Use spare of silk of sweet tenderness. Several drops of essence of thoughtfulness.

Good dripping from the eaves of love's dwelling.

Mix all these with a little of the oil of Elbow to soften matter thus.

Place the heart on a warm hearth with love's rays full upon it, and some of the light of other days. Move it often, that it may not burn. Let it remain until it is well cooked through. Then serve up with a kind word.

N.B.—The above will keep for years.

THE BEST QUALITY OF ALL.

The wife who aims at being a real helpmate should bear in mind that she will require courage often, as opposed to heroism; she will also need that loving sympathy that is every true woman's birthright, and the most endearing of all qualities in her is that she will stand her in the greatest stead, for it is a quality that inspires and encourages a man.

RESPONSE TO A TOAST ON BEHALF OF THE LADIES.—BY A BACHELOR.

On behalf of the ladies, let me say at once that I am not going to thank you for gratuitous, for reaching their obstinances. A sovereign does not thank you for the first time you speak when he acknowledges it.

I am going to thank you to women that they have public opportunities, we have not the opportunity of rendering to the charitable disposition of which the activity displayed in honoring the toast of the ladies bears witness. Every man has the opportunity of rendering himself agreeable to women, but it is a much more personal sweater; but to go to endless trouble for women is not.

Man is a precious jewel, but, like the diamond, requires cutting and polishing. Woman's natural vocation is to do the cutting and polishing.

Man, wrapped in that heaven-sent mantle, unconsciousness of self, is a very lovable object, and women love him except on those rare occasions when they themselves are wrapped in the illuminary processes, is left, neglected and unloved, while woman, with her shining mantle of the gods, and her self-consciousness, is admired, but is also unattainable.

Man, wrapped from experience—not from hearsay. "Lookers-on see most of the game," and women are lookers-on at creation everywhere. From the time when Eve looked on at the first creation of man, and Adam looked on at the process of sweetheartling, calf-love, burning affection, and finally, that the human race, he is in the hands of Nature's first and greatest love, that the human race all its place on your high shoes, and that your wife's wishes every time you eat it is most set against me that 'pa 's day is the best day in the year. Now, I'll tell you what it is, I'll make a proposition to you. I'll bet you a sovereign that I'll eat more than you do."

"Done!" repeated the master of the house. "Well, I suppose we'd better let her have it; she'd have expected a Christmas-box, anyhow!"

She: Why are all vessels spoken of as "she"? He: Because they're no use without a man.

There is probably nothing quite as empty in all the world as an empty stocking on Christmas morning.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

SANE OLD CHRISTMAS.

Sane old Christmas,
Sane old cozy,
Sane old comfort,
Sane old noise;
Sane old greeting,
Sane old smiles,
Bringing back the
Olden time.

Sane old stories,
Sane old cheer;
Sane old saddu that
Don't "get there;"
Sane old jingles,
Sane old jokes,
Sane old visits,
Sane old fun—
Sane old faith in
Santa Claus—
Truest myth that
Ever was!
Sane old duties and
Sane old joys;
Sane old music,
Sane old noise;
About cigars.

Sane old exercise
Man can't wear;
Sane old belts that
Thrill the air,
Sane old jingles,
Gangs of "Oh!"
From inebriate the
Mistletoe.

Sane old Christmas,
Sane old tree;
Just like Christmas
Used to be.
Sane old welcome, and
All the rest—
Sane old Christmas is
Still the best!

A VIEW OF SANTA CLAUS.

High up upon the mountain
Where the cold winds blow,
With soft, sweet, velvet petals,
Lies the mistletoe.
A hot and rocky canny
Is the holly tree,
And yet is never murmured,
Never heard to complain,
But glorified the crevice
Where the flowers grow bright,
In summer's golden day-time
And winter's night.

No life is all so barren
But some good may in it there,
Some nonentry its portions,
Some hope its gloom illume,
Behold, ye, very strict
Around it flowers bloom.

Never can sweet love grow
Where no love is found,
Nor where no charitable leader?
Nor where no charitable leader?
Where no charitable leader?
Where no charitable leader?

...stleigh College, Northcote.

The fifth annual distribution of prizes took place in the College hall on Friday afternoon, December 18, in the presence of the parents of the pupils. The Rev. E. D. Stebbins presided as chairman. A programme of vocal and instrumental music and elocution was rendered. After inspecting a display of needlework, drawings and paintings, mapping, diagrams and kindergarten work the visitors partook of afternoon tea in the grounds. The Misses Westgarth were the recipients of a very handsome fruit and flower stand.

The principals' annual report read as follows:—It is gratifying to be able to again say that we are ending a most successful year both as regards progress and numbers, our average having been 90. This continued high attendance is a great encouragement to us in our work, as it proves that we have the support and confidence of this and surrounding districts. The work done in all classes has been, on the whole, satisfactory, and though many do not gain a prize they must not be discouraged but remember that every one cannot be a prize winner, and their turn may come next, if they keep in view the fact that prizes can only be gained by working steadily from the first day of school. This year we have presented one candidate for Junior Public and one for 5 single subjects. At the C.M.S. examination held in September the college again took a high place, 16 candidate entering and all passing.

A most successful concert was given by the girls in the Fitzroy town hall in July, when a balance of £15 9s was divided between the Fitzroy and Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Societies. Our annual subscription of £3 16s has been forwarded for the support of "our boy" in India, whose education is now finished and who is ready to take his place as a teacher. The annual collection for the Children's Hospital was £1 [illegible]. Alfred Hospital box contained [illegible]/7/6 has been raised for charity [illegible].

The most pleasing function of the [illegible] "At Home" in the Mia Mia tennis [illegible] to us, in May, by about 80 [illegible].

The "Collegians' Club was formed [illegible] quarterly, and the annual re- [illegible] take place the first Friday in each [illegible]. Both past and present pupils are [illegible]ding with great interest and pride the [illegible] one of our "old girls," Miss [illegible]relyn Sootsey, who is doing so well at the [illegible] Conservatorium of Music.

A garden fete, inaugurated by the old collegians, to recoup us for the outlay of £66 on the tennis court, was held December 4th and 5th. This proved a most successful and pleasurable gathering, about £32 being cleared.

Keen interest was taken in the tennis finals, which resulted in Miss Ruby Rendle winning the old collegians' trophy and the Misses Rene Clare (senior) and Madge Bexley (junior) for the present girls.

We are very glad to be able to say that we have regained the services of Miss Bessie Jukes, Miss Sonnenberg, M.A., and Miss Giblett, and that there will be no change in our staff for 1909.

Duties will be resumed February 4th, 1909.

PRIZE LIST.

Matric. class.—Dux of school, Florrie Callaghan; Gwen Trevena, 1 Algebra, 1 French, 1 physiology, music.

Sub-matric.—Dux, Rene Clare, f English, 1 physiology, 1 history, 1 arithmetic, 1 botany; Laura Merriman, 1 French, 1 Algebra, 2 arithmetic; Eileen McGie, 1 Latin (gift of Miss Sonnenberg, M.A.), Doris McQuae, 1 Scripture, 2 history.

Va.—Dux, Ella Olive, 1 English, 1 Scripture, 1 history, 1 French, 1 physiology, 2 botany, 2 Algebra, 2 geography; Zelia Clare, 1 botany, 1 geography, 1 science, 2 English, 2 physiology, 2 History; Estelle Rowe, 2 French, 1 Algebra (IV); Nellie Irving, 1 Algebra, 2 arithmetic; Ruby Brown, 2 Algebra (IV), 2 French (IV); Florence Neville, 1 physiology (IVa), 2 French (IV), 1 arithmetic; Mabel White, 1 French (IV); Eleanor Pilkington, 2 science; Stella Arthur, 1 French (IV.)

Vb.—Dux, Meta Inglis, 1 Scripture, 1 arithmetic, 1 English, 1 history, 1 geography, 1 French, 1 science, 1 physiology, 2 Algebra; Rene Strover, 2 English, 2 history, 2 science; Eva Gribble, 1 Algebra, 2 arithmetic; Myra Ferguson, 1 French, 2 geograph; Alma Lange, 2 French.

IV.—Dux, Jessie Inglis, 1 Scripture, 1 English, 1 science, 1 arithmetic, 2 geography; 2 French; Madge Dobbin, 1 history, 1 geography, 2 science; Gladys Pitt, 2 English, 2 history; M. Cherry, 2 arithmetic.

III.—Dux, Sheila Whitford, 1 English, 1 geography, 1 arithmetic, 1 Scripture, 1 French; Daphne Gilpin, 1 science; Lily Gamble, 1 writing.

II.—Dux, Hugh McTeggart, 1 geography, 1 arithmetic, 1 Scripture, 1 grammar; Alfred Twentyman, 1 science; Dorothy Littlejohn, 1 spelling and poetry, 2 arithmetic; Hugh Magno, 2 science, Hylton Kay, grammar; Kindergarten.—Dux, Muriel Gilpin; Lionel Jackson, 1 geography; Willie Magno, kindergarten work.

N. Fitzroy Junior Branch.

Dux, Verlie Dally; Dorothy Appleyard, 1 geography, 2 English; Clarice Selmon, 1 arithmetic and writing; Marion Appleyard, 1 French; Muriel McKinnon, 1 history, 2 science.

II.—Dux, Redvers Carter, 1 Scripture; Gladys Martin, 2 English; Gladys Olive, writing; Dorothy Mall, 2 science; Harry Greenland, arithmetic.

Kindergarten.—Dux, Jack Veal; Cecil Martin, 1 geography and Scripture; Gwen Salmon, 1 grammar and French; Jean Howie, 1 Scripture; Lily Veal, 1 French and Scripture; Jack Heath, 1 writing; Jack Cooper, 2 arithmetic.

Midwinter class prizes.—Sub-matric, Lizzie Jenkyn; Vi., Rene Clare; V., Ella Olive; IVa., Meta Inglis; IVb., Myrtle Fletcher; IV., Vera Dahis; III., Sheila Whitford and Alice Butler; II., Hugh McTeggart and Redvers Carter; kindergarten, Doris Moore.

Conduct.—Florrie Callaghan, Muriel Gilpin, Gwen Salmon.

Singing (gift of Miss Bessie Jukes).—Florrie Callaghan, Gwen Trevena, Dorothy Appleyard, Dorothy Littlejohn.

Music.—Gwen Trevena, Madge Dobbin.

Elocution.—Coral Mason.

Physical culture (gift of Miss Turnbull).—Rene Clare.

Sewing (gift of Miss Finlay).—Eira Merriman, Jack Veal.

Sheila Arthur.

Arithmetical diagrams (gift of Dr. Sturdee).—Florrie Callaghan, Zelia Clare, Florrie Neville.

Needlework.—Dulcie McGuin, Meta Inglis, Irene Gribble, Zelia Clare.

Kindergarten.—Rene Clare; junior, Madge Bexley; old collegians, Ruby Rendle.

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER.

[Before Dr. Cole, P.M., and Messrs Plant and Eastings, J's.P.]

ABOUT A PERSIAN KITTEN.

Georgina Drury claimed £3 3s from Mrs. W. H. L. Bailey for one Persian kitten. Mr. Wilkinson appeared for the claimant and Mr. Candy for the defendant.

Georgina Drury stated that she resided at the Grand View Hotel, Fairfield, and was a member of the Ladies' Kennel Club. At the cat and dog show in September of this year, Mrs. Bailey came to her and asked her what she was exhibiting, and she said Persian cats. "Oh, how lovely," said Mrs. Bailey. "I do love these Persian kittens." Witness then said she would have some for sale later on, and the defendant replied that she would very much like to buy one. On December 4th witness took one of the kittens to Mrs. Bailey, who said—"What a lovely little thing. I'll have this one." The price was three guineas, and the defendant promised to pay for it on the following day herself. As witness was leaving, Mrs. Bailey called out to a little girl across the street "Come and see my new baby," meaning the kitten. On the following Monday a messenger brought the kitten back but she declined to accept it on the ground that defendant had bought it. The same evening witness called on Mr. Bailey at his office and he said that his wife was fond of running him into expense of this kind. He would, however, see that his wife called and settled for it. The next day, Tuesday, the kitten was brought back by another boy. She declined to accept it and the boy left it at the foot of the stairs. The same evening witness, in company with her husband and son, called at Mr. Bailey's office and he was very rude and abusive.

In reply to Mr. Candy witness said that Mrs. Bailey objected to the sex of the kitten at first, but afterwards said she could not resist buying it and put it to her neck. She denied that it was left on approval.

George Wm. Drury, manager, said that he heard Mrs. Bailey say that she could not resist buying the kitten and that she would send the money along. She also referred to it as her "new baby." On the Tuesday evening Mr. Bailey was very abusive to his wife and used bad language.

Mrs. Bailey stated that she first met Mrs. Drury at the Kennel Club's Show, and next saw her on the 30th November, when she told her (witness) that she had some Persian kittens for sale, "Little Beauties," she called them. Witness promised to go and see them, but was unable to go on the day fixed. A few days later Mrs. Drury brought a kitten in a basket and left it on approval. Witness told Mrs. Drury that her husband would never pay £3 3s for a kitten, especially a female kitten. Witness returned the kitten on the following Monday, but the boy brought it back, and she sent it back again with another boy the next day.

Mr. Wilkinson—Why did you refer to the kitten as "my new baby."

Witness—It's a way I have of speaking to dumb animals. I have no children.

Witness also said in reply to a question that she did not possess any private means.

Charles A. Williamson, clerk in the employ of W. H. Bailey, said that when he took back the kitten Mrs. Drury stated that Mrs. Bailey had got nothing to do with it—that Mr. Bailey had promised to pay.

Robert Scott, a lad in the employ of W. H. L. Bailey, stated that he left the kitten with Mrs. Drury at the Grand View Hotel, on the 8th December. She refused to accept delivery and said if the money was not paid by Thursday a summons would be issued.

W. H. L. Bailey stated that he asked his wife if she had bought the kitten and she said "No." He heard no more about the kitten till Mrs. Drury, along with her husband, called to inquire about property.

The P.M. said that the Bench was of opinion that no sale had been effected, and dismissed the case with £2 2s costs.

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. Findlay was fined 40s for refusing to have his child vaccinated.

F. Burrell was fined 2s 6d for riding a bicycle on the footpath.

Several parents were fined for not sending their children to school the statutory number of days.

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EPPING SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Present:—Crs. McCoy (president), Morgan, McCormack and Dea.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Public Works Department intimating that 9 rolls of wire netting had been delivered at Spencer street railway station consigned to this council at Whittlesea.—Received.

From Superintendent Kelsall, inspector of licensing districts, requesting to be supplied with the valuation of local licensed houses. Information to be supplied by secretary.

From Railway Department stating that as a result of this council's request for two lamps to be erected on the road leading from Cooper street to the station one lamp would be provided at the end of the platform.

It was considered that the lamp would be more serviceable at the entrance to the station and Cr. Dea moved that a request be made in that direction.

Cr. Morgan seconded.—Carried.

From Railway Department re position of gatehouse north of Preston Reservoir station, stating that the matter had been referred for report.—It was decided—on the motion of Crs. Morgan and Dea—to ask Preston to co-operate in the matter.

The Secretary for Railways wrote acknowledging council's letter urging that some one be placed in charge at Thomastown station, and stating the matter would be enquired into and the result communicated.

From Rabbit Suppression League intimating that the Government had decided to provide sufficient wire netting to meet all demands.—Received.

From F. Bryant, "Braemore," calling attention to the conduct of the dog inspector in the following terms:—To-day he called at my residence and asked to see me and was told by my wife that I could not be far away as I had just had lunch. After looking round the sheep yards for me for a while he called at the house again and was asked in a courteous manner if he had message to leave. His reply was to ask, in a very insulting manner, if I was not in bed asleep. When confronted later on by me he said he was carrying out instructions and doing his duty. If these are the instructions issued to him it is to be regretted. I will be pleased to welcome any shire official and will treat them with courtesy, but when one of them insinuates that my wife is a liar it is not to be tolerated, even when it comes from one in such an exalted position as the dog inspector.

The letter having been read to the dog inspector the latter explained that when he first called at Bryant's he was told that Mr. Bryant was in bed with sciatica, and he naturally thought when he was not about that he might still be suffering from it. That was the reason of his question. He never intended to be insulting or even disrespectful. On walking down the paddock he met Mr. Bryant, who used bad language and when he (Coleman) asked for a description of the dogs he was ordered off the premises.

Cr. McCormack—Did Bryant pay for any dogs?

The inspector—No; and he told Mrs. Farr in my hearing not to pay for her dogs.

Cr. Morgan—Have you seen any dogs on Bryant's premises?

The inspector—Yes; there are 4 dogs there and 4 at Franklin's too, and he treats me the same.

It was decided to reply to Mr. Bryant stating that after hearing the officer's explanation the council did not consider it was his intention to be offensive; also expressing surprise to learn that Mr Bryant had not paid his dog license for seven years.

The inspector was ordered to proceed to get the fees collected.

From secretary Austin Hospital making annual Christmas appeal on behalf of the institution.—Each councillor and officer "put a shilling in."—winner not to know.

From Miss A. O'Hern asking that a comb and brush and mirror be supplied for use at the hall on the occasion of balls and other social fixtures.—The surveyor was instructed to attend to the matter.

From F. J. Andrews forwarding balance-sheet in connection with recent Presbyterian Church tea and concert. The receipts were £18 19s 3d and the profit £9 13s 3d. The usual refund was asked for.—Agreed to.

From Cr. Browne, stating he would be unable, on account of pressure of work, to attend that day's meeting.

FINANCE.

The treasurer (Mr. G. McClelland) reported having received since last meeting the sum of £39 4s 10½; present Dr. balance £782 8s 10d.

The accounts for the month amounting to £74 11s 8d were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs. Morgan and McCormack.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Mr. Lockwood reported that owing to the men being busy with the harvest the crossing at Browne's, east side of Merriang road, had not been made, but the work would be done very shortly.—Received.

In reference to the additional metal required he would suggest that 300 yards be got for south of the hall, say 150 of same to go south of Thomastown station, about 200 yards north of hall, 200 yards at Woodstock, 150 yards on Cemetery road, 200 yards on Craigieburn road, and 50 yards on Smith's and Bindt's roads.

Cr. McCormack—What! Are there no roads in Woodstock? (Laughter.)

Mr. Lockwood—They're all in pretty good order.

Cr. McCormack—What about Chapel road. We want every penny we can get for the Woodstock roads.

Cr. Morgan moved that the 300 yards south of shire hall be all used south of Seeber's. There were long stretches there where the pitchers were absolutely bare.

Cr. Dea seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Morgan moved that 300 yards be put on the main road, Epping riding, north of the shire hall.

Cr. McCoy seconded. Carried.

Cr. MacCormack moved that 200 yards be put on the W. odstock road to Grant's road.

Cr. Dea seconded.—Carried.

Cr. McCormack said he wanted 150 yards for Donnybrook road and 100 yards for Chapel road. The Woodstock riding had got the money for it, but he would venture to say that the Epping riding could not really pay for the metal which had been given them. He would move, as there was not a full meeting, that the matter of providing metal for the bye-roads be postponed till next meeting.

Cr. Dea seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Morgan moved that tenders be called for the 700 yards passed for next meeting, contractors to give prices for supplying the metal broken and for spalls only.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. McCormack said he did not think the council, without notice, should have carried a resolution at last meeting that the Eden Park road be taken over from Grant's road, seeing that at the previous meeting it was only decided to take the deviation over.

The secretary explained that the minute was altered at the last meeting at the instance of Cr. Browne.

Cr. MacCormack—It should not have been altered without notice. However, he was not going to take any action now.

Cr. McCormack called the engineer's attention to the condition of Creek bridge. It was absolutely unsafe; and a traction engine or even a heavy load would go through it. He would move that the engineer be instructed to have a temporary crossing made, and that a notice be put up warning heavy traffic.

Cr. Morgan seconded. Carried.

Cr. McCormack moved that the shire inspector be instructed to enforce the Act in regard to destroying briars and thistles.

The president seconded. Carried.

The business being concluded,

The president, assisted councillors, officers, and the Press, in a few appropriate words, the compliments of the season.

Pupils Entertained.

Miss Queenie Parker's annual pupils' party took place at the Friendly Societies' hall, Northcote, on the 16th December. The weather was all that could be desired, and the children thoroughly appreciated the outdoor and indoor games provided for their amusement. At 5 o'clock tea was taken in the hall. The tables were artistically laid, and ample justice was done to the good things provided by the hostess, who was ably assisted by several willing friends. At 8 p.m. the senior pupils and friends arrived, and dancing was entered into with great spirit, and in the interval fancy dances, songs, piano solos, and mandoline and piano duets, were contributed by the pupils to the entire satisfaction of those assembled. Miss Parker's pupils presented her with a very handsome silver mounted dressing case and hand bag as a token of their esteem and regard. Dances and games were spiritedly kept going till 11 o'clock, when the company broke up after spending a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

SPLITTING HEADACHES.

Bile Beans End Years of Suffering.

A constant sufferer from throbbing headaches, together with nasty belching bouts, caused by wind in the stomach, Mrs S. A. Clare, of 23 Phillip Street, Alexandria, Sydney, tells how Bile Beans brought her back to health and strength—made her a new women—after all other remedies had proved useless. Mrs Clare was giving up all hope of ever being rid of her troubles, and she expresses her gratitude to Bile Beans as follows:—

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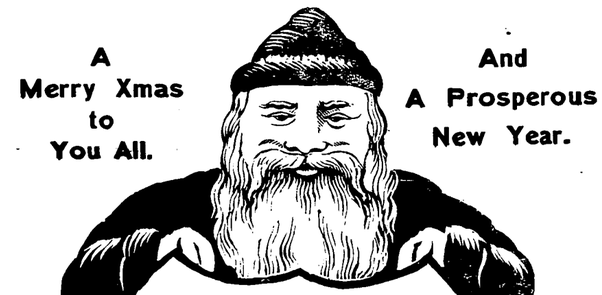

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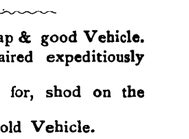
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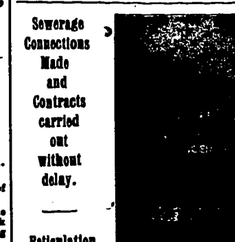

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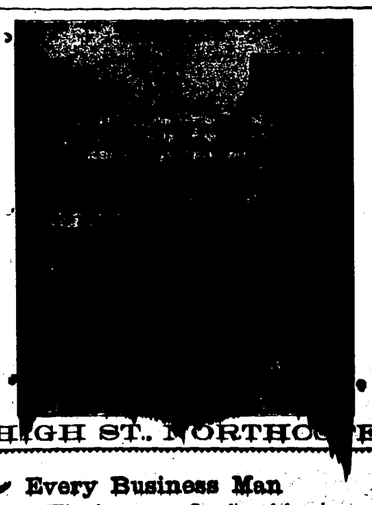

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