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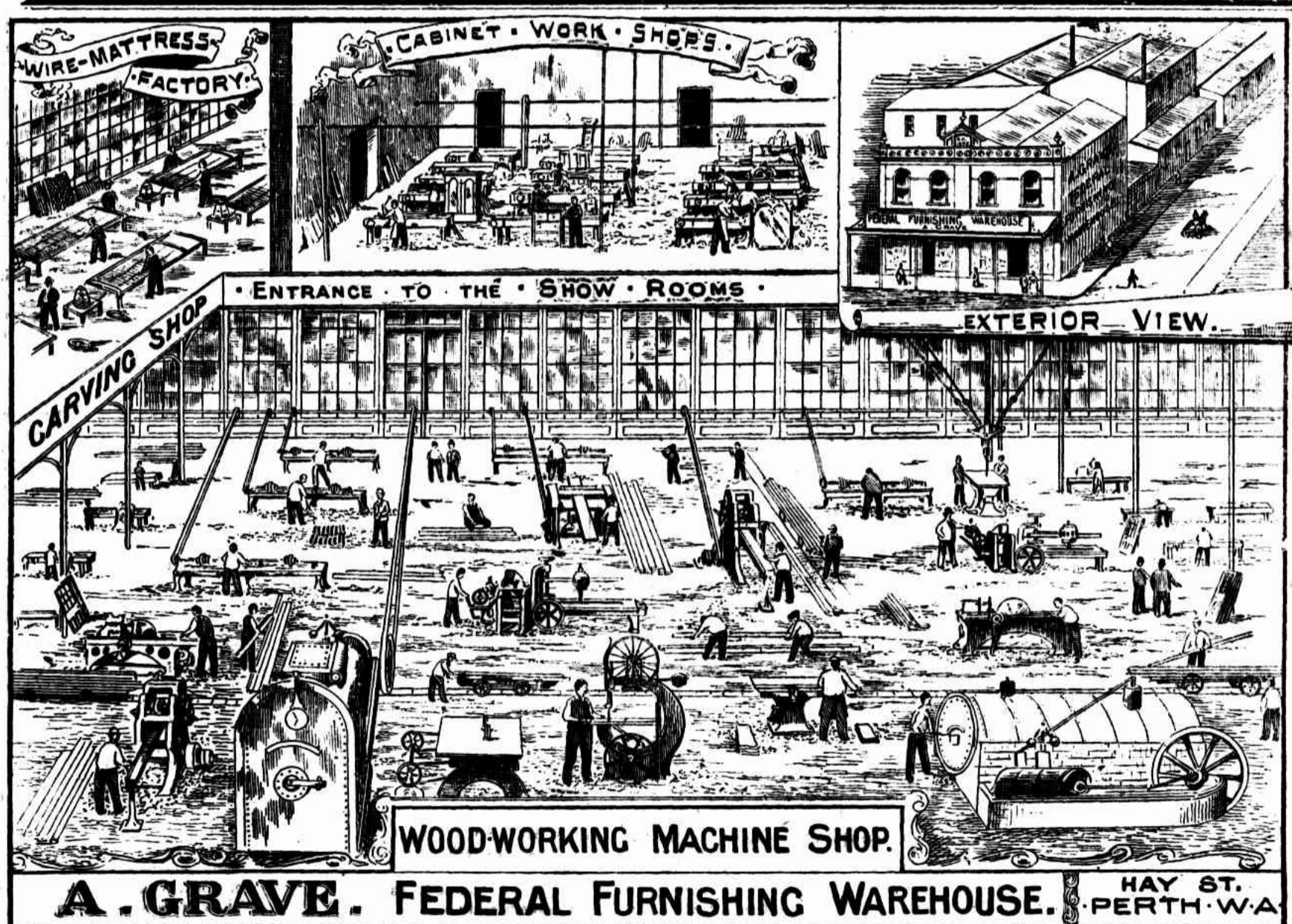
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OUR STORY.
**HER LOVE SAVED HIS
HONOR.**

BY W. S. SNYDER.

(Continued.)

"God forgive me if I do a wrong! You remember, Elizabeth, that two years ago I was made cashier by your father of the bank. My hands were then as clean of crime as my mother's name was above suspicion. I worked faithfully. My salary was small. I do not plead this in extenuation of my error, but it was wholly out of comparison with my duties. The directors were close-fisted men. At the end of a year I asked for a larger salary. The directors said they could get competent and more experienced men for what I was receiving. My good mother had only income enough to sustain her properly, and my salary barely kept me decently. I saw no prospect of making a home of my own. But I plodded along. Eagerness to advance in the world sharpens the wits. One day I discovered that the directors, your father included, were speculating in a mining trust. One discovery led to another. I was not long finding out that they sometimes used the bank's deposits to add to their personal gains. It was easy for me to persuade myself that if the officers could make money in this way, I could not fail to do so. Six months ago I began to use my own money. I had saved nearly a thousand dollars. I went into the mining trust. At first I made a little money, and I had 1,500dol. Then I went deeper. Meanwhile the bank's officers were speculating. The trust began to go backward, and I began to steal. The officers were doing the same. They could keep going because their opportunities were better. They had easier access to the funds. The deposits were running low. Three days ago the officers called me into their private room. They had discovered my speculations and told me so. I confessed, and asked for three days in which to make my losses good, intending to expose them and drag them down with me in the ruins. They knew that they were, like myself, guilty, and perhaps mistrusting how much I knew, they granted my request. Then I thought of you. Your father must go with the crash. I could not drag him down and disgrace you. I determined to run away, but before I went one of the directors, more bold than the rest, came and told my mother that I was a defaulter. She would not believe him, but I was in the house, and when confronted by them I confessed my guilt, but made no explanation beyond the mere confession. This afternoon I, having cleanly shaved my face two days before, procured a second-hand suit of clothing in exchange for others, and was in the ferry house when Jimmy found me and urged me to come back. Why I did not resist him I do not know, only that you had sent him. I simply could not go, and I returned. To-morrow my mother will beggar herself to try to save me. If she fails—and I almost pray heaven she may—I must go to jail."

Here young Gaylord broke down completely. Elizabeth did not. She still clasped his hand, but she almost choked as she said:—

"And this is all?"

"All."

"And my father was as guilty as the rest?"

Gaylord bowed his head. Then Elizabeth said:—

"I believe you. You shall not go to jail."

Her voice was hard, firm, determined. When Gaylord looked at her, he saw at a glance that her mind was made up as unalterably as the numbering of the days one upon another. He pleaded with her to save her father and let him go, but to no purpose.

"God is as merciful as he is just," she said. "Through him I will save you both. If in the ruins you are found, he will be there with you. He

has done this wrong as much as you have done it. His ability to stem the tide of adversity augments rather than excuses his crime. He should have saved you. He shall help to do it yet, or the same law which sentences you shall sentence him. Weak though you were, he was weaker, and his sin, if there be a comparative degree in a sin like this, is greater than yours. You shall be saved or he must fall."

Elizabeth's face now softened and tears ran down her face. Through them she said:—

"It was for me you hid my father's crime. Surely my love can save you, and in it you can never again go astray. If you could do this much for me, my womanhood would be false-hearted to falter in my duty. Wait here for me until to-morrow. I will come. I will go to your mother now."

Mrs. Gaylord's pillow was wet with tears that night, but they were the tears of gratitude, and peace came to her like a ray of hope that never leaves a sombre shadow, from the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

The remainder of this story is quickly told. What Elizabeth said to her father will never be repeated in words, but it had its full and perfect effect. She returned to young Gaylord the next evening, and this is what she said to him:—

"William my mission has been a success. I believed you and I know that you told me the truth. You are a free man. Before I rested last night my father, confronted with your words, confessed all. I went with him to the bank to day and faced the directors with him. His head was only one of all the rest that burned suffused with shame. I demanded your freedom and my father then admitted that the trust had advanced again, and that the bank was now as solvent as it ever had been. Even your investment had made no loss. Indeed, there was something said about the profits gained, and I then demanded a promise from each separate individual that not one penny of this gain should ever be touched by a single officer of the bank. The promise was made, and, William, you will promise, too? I know, my love, you will." And as he promised, her tears mingled with his own, while Mrs. Gaylord lifted up her voice from a heart overflowing with gratitude to Him who has promised to be mindful of the widow's son.

William Gaylord and Elizabeth Dalow, his wife, are living in the West, happy and as nearly well-contented as loving man and wife can be, she still doing him honor, and he as proud of her as an honest man can be of a true and loving woman.

If any man or woman is disposed to doubt the truth of this story of real life in all essential details, let it be said that it is true, and that there are men, for the incident is not of remote date, who can verify it almost within reach of the writer's hand. This is but one incident of its kind.

Are there any more?

THE END.

Amateur: I think a great deal of that bow—a great deal. It has been in the family for fifty years. If I should lose it I don't think I'd ever touch my dear old violin again. His next-door neighbour wildly eager: How much will buy that bow?

Kirkby Stone: I hate to mention it, dear, but I must tell you that business has been awfully poor lately. If you could economize a little in dresses—wear something plain. Mrs. Stone: Certainly, dear; I shall order some plainer dresses to-morrow.

Under treatment.—A doctor, on taking leave of his patient row in a fair way to recovery, recommended him, for the next month or so, to confine himself to a glass of beer a day. A week later he met the invalid's wife and asked her how he was getting on, and if he had carried out his instructions. He is much better, she replied; only, as for the drink, he has taken his six weeks' allowance already in advance.

**Foreign and Intercolonial.
Telegrams.**

(From the Daily News.)

FOREIGN

London, December 27.

Reports from South Africa state that an open rupture has occurred between the white and coloured miners on the Transvaal Goldfields. For some time past there have been signs openly expressed of discontent at the state of affairs in reference to the employment of colored labour at the mines, and this has been resented by the black workers. In the contest which took place, over 2000 combatants took part. A large number were seriously injured, but no fatalities are reported.

The Dutch Government have arrived at an agreement with the Colonial Office in reference to the boundary line between British and Dutch territory in New Guinea.

Sicily is reported to be in a state of revolution. Constant rioting is taking place, the cause of the disturbance being the imposition of heavy local taxes. Troops are being distributed throughout the country to maintain order.

The police have succeeded in arresting the perpetrator of the recent dynamite outrage at a theatre in Barcelona, on which occasion 30 people were killed and many injured.

London, December 28.

It is stated that the Duke and Duchess of York will be unable to accept the invitation to visit Australia next year. The *accouchement* of the Duchess is expected next May.

Private telegrams in London announce that Captain Wilson's force on the Shangani, together with reinforcements under Captain Burrowes, have been annihilated by the Matabeles who assembled in large numbers. Official confirmation is required to the report. Contradictory reports are continually coming to hand from South Africa concerning the war, and it is believed many of these are specially manufactured for Stock Exchange purposes.

Serious riots have occurred in Wales. The unionist steel workers at Ponty Mester refused to work with non-unionist men selected to fill certain vacancies. They struck work, and rioting was indulged in, considerable damage being done to property. The military were called out and had to fire on the rioters. A large number were wounded.

London, December 29.

A large deputation from the unemployed of London waited upon Mr. Gladstone yesterday. Among several suggestions, was one that the Government should purchase the whole of the British railways at present owned and worked by companies.

Mr. Gladstone, in reply, stated that he was opposed to the proposal, and added that his hands were strengthened by the report of the British Railways Commission, recently issued, which declared the proposal impracticable.

H. M. S. Ringdove will be recommended by the Admiralty, to take the relief crews to Australian stations. She sails for Sydney early in the new year.

Tenders have been invited by Tasmania for a loan of one million sterling, at 4 per cent., the minimum being fixed at 98. The chances of the loan are considered so favourable that scrip is already quoted at a premium of 50s.

Weddell's Annual Report in commenting on the growth of the Australian meat trade, states that compared with the previous year, 100,000 more carcasses of Australian mutton were imported this year. It says also that the most of the New Zealand sheep are too fat. A large and profitable trade in Queensland beef is anticipated.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, owner of the Pittsburg factories, has decided to run the mills during the winter, at a loss of £20,000. He has also stated his intention to give £1,000 a day to the relief of the poor of Pittsburg until the end of February.

INTER-COLONIAL.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney, December 28.

A labour candidate named Martin, addressing a meeting of electors at Grenfell, said if the Labour Party were not successful at next elections the streets of Sydney would flow rivers of blood.

An important discovery of gold has been made in the Forest Reef, by the aid of the prospecting vote. The reef is large, and is expected to return half an ounce to the ton throughout.

An inquest on the victims of the recent boating accident resulted in a verdict of accidental drowning being returned. Mrs. Wood, the only survivor, described the boat as unmanageable; that it drifted into the strong current amidst the breakers; that she remained in the boat and drifted out to sea, where she was rescued, while the others tried to swim ashore, and were all drowned.

The steamer Atlantic reports picking up a derelict barque, named Catherine, laden with pine from Nova Scotia. Her cargo is worth £12,000. The barque was towed as a prize to Cape Verde Islands. The Catherine is said to have been abandoned by the crew as leaky last August.

Sydney, December 29.

The ballot among the members of the Southern Collieries' Unions have decided in favour of a strike, notwithstanding the facts that the Unions are almost entirely without funds.

Sydney, December 30.

A yacht capsized yesterday in Sydney harbour. Two occupants were on the keel of the boat nine hours before being rescued.

The Treasurer states that the expected deficit has already been reduced to £145,000 and, so rapid is the recovery, that he hopes to close the financial year with a surplus.

The majority of the Newcastle colliery owners have decided to pay the bawling rates as formerly. Those unable to do so will have to close down. This practically ends the trouble, and there will be no strike. However, distress is anticipated owing to the refusal of several of the owners to work at a loss.

VICTORIA.

Melbourne, December 28.

The Premier, Mr. J. B. Patterson, is organising concerted action by the various Australian Governments, for the purpose of inviting the Duke and Duchess of York to visit Australia early next year.

Melbourne, December 29.

Heavy gales have occurred in Hobson's Bay. Several vessels have been damaged.

Mr. Justice Hodges completed his summing up yesterday. His Hon. r's opinion was favourable to the plaintiff. The jury, before retiring, decided not to hurry their decision, and will wait before deliberating for a transcript of the judge's notes on the evidence.

Melbourne, December 30.

The Executive Council have considered several petitions praying for the reprieve of Mrs. Kuorr, sentenced to death for the murder of an infant, and have finally decided to allow the law to take its course.

The condemned woman will be executed on January 15, at 10 a.m.

In the *Age* libel case, the jury, after a long deliberation, returned to court

with the statement that they failed to agree. His honour ordered them to be again looked up.

Messrs. Huddart, Parker and Co's. steamer *Alert* foundered yesterday at Sorrento. Robert Ponting, the cook, is the only survivor, having been washed ashore on the cabin door. He states that the steamer, in rounding Cape Schank in a stiff gale, shipped volumes of water, putting out the fires and rendering the vessel helpless. All hands were ordered on deck, when suddenly the vessel filled and sank. Captain Matheson and two saloon passengers, one named Newton and one name unknown, one steerage passenger, name unknown, and the crew, whose names were Hodges, Thompson (3), Dodd, Coutts, Williamson, Matheson, Kilpatrick, McIver, were all drowned. The total number lost is fifteen.

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane, December 28.

Yesterday a man named Schultz threatened to murder his wife, and afterwards left home in a passion. Subsequently he shot himself, death being instantaneous.

Brisbane, December 29.

The crushing returns for the Mills United gold mine for the past fortnight have furnished a cask of 3000 ounces. This mine is now averaging 1000 ounces weekly.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide, December 28.

To-day is the anniversary of South Australia's proclamation as a colony, in connection with which the usual festivities are being held at Glenelg.

The ship *Royal Tar* sails with a large number of emigrants for New Australia next Saturday. The departure of the vessel has been delayed by the Marine Board insisting upon adequate life-saving appliances being supplied.

Adelaide, December 29.

The Lieutenant Governor (Chief Justice Way) has received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies advising that several of the South Australians at the New Australia settlement, in Paraguay, have revolted, and appealed to the Home Government for assistance in resisting the tyranny of the rulers in the new province. They particularly ask the Government to warn Australians against embarking for New Australia. This cable was read to the *Royal Tar* passengers last night at Adelaide, but a resolution was carried expressing every confidence in the administration of the new colony.

Adelaide, December 30.

It has been decided to abandon the wrecked steamer *Tenterden* to the underwriters. The prospects of floating the vessel are considered to be remote.

No business of any kind is being done in stocks or shares.

NEW-ZEALAND.

Wellington, December 28.

Upwards of £200,000 worth of gold has been found in the Thames district during the present year.

TASMANIA.

Launceston, December 29.

The sudden death of a leading public man, Mr. B. Farrelly, occurred, yesterday under peculiar circumstances. It appears that he quarrelled in the street with an old friend, about a trifling matter. Mr. Farrelly was knocked down, being injured about the head and died a few hours afterwards. The doctors have refused a certificate.

General Cleanings.

Depth To Plant Potatoes.

A series of interesting experiments in reference to the culture of the potato crop have recently been carried out at the State Agricultural College, Michigan, and the results obtained therefrom briefly set forth in pamphlet form. The most interesting tests to us on this side of the Atlantic are those comparing the results derived from shallow and deep culture and from shallow and deep planting. As regards culture, the report is not sufficiently minute and exhaustive in its details to afford us much information. The figures and the comments thereon tell us that better results were obtained from the deeply cultivated plots than from the others; but no definite particulars are supplied as to what the respective depths were. Without being able to compare the results definitely, the report is of little practical value. The mere descriptive terms "shallow" and "deep" are too vague to afford any reliable guidance. It is something, however, to be able to say that the deep culture gave far and away the better returns. Its analysis was better in all respects—in total weight of crop, in the percentage of marketable potatoes, and as regards the proportion of sun-burned and small tubers.

Of the forty-five experiments tabulated the total yield in twenty-nine cases was greatest with the deep culture, and in thirteen cases it was in favour of shallow culture, while in three instances the yield was practically the same. In the same experiments the yield of marketable potatoes was in forty cases in favour of deep culture, while four cases showed a balance in favour of shallow culture. The amount of sun-burned potatoes was in thirty-six cases greatest in shallow culture, and in three cases neutral. The quantity of small potatoes was in twenty-eight cases greatest with shallow culture, in fifteen cases greatest with deep culture, and in two cases indecisive. These figures, it will be seen, favour deep culture—whatever the American interpretation of the word may actually mean—throughout.

In regard to the planting experiments, the details are more fully and intelligently enumerated. Plots were planted at two, three, four, five, and six inches depth, both in deep and shallow cultivated land. The results showed that the tubers planted three inches deep gave the largest yield, and that those planted five inches deep gave the largest proportion of marketable potatoes. The plot planted at two inches depth gave the smallest proportion of marketable potatoes. *Farmer and Stock Breeder.*

The Sydney "Morning Herald" on Cardinal Moran's Return.

The picturesque welcome given yesterday to Cardinal Moran on his return to Australia must, in many respects, be regarded as a notable incident. It was, directly, the welcome of one section of the community, it is true; but there is so little asperity of feeling existing in the relations of different religious denominations in this portion of Her Majesty's dominions that there are few, if there are any, in the community who did not sympathise in the cordial satisfaction felt by the Roman Catholics of New South Wales in welcoming back their chief pastor and ruler, not only from a distant journey, but from a bed of sickness. The imposing character of the home-bringing is beyond question. Rarely has "our beautiful harbour" looked more beautiful than it did with the flotilla of steamers gay with bunting passing over its waters, while the sea of faces that filled the "piazzas" of Circular Quay, the throng of processionists and spectators that crowded the line of march to the cathedral gave a distinctly public character to the proceedings. But, apart from the absence of sectarian animosity which characterises this com-

munity, there has been that in the personality and attitude of Cardinal Moran that entitles him to goodwill far beyond the limits of his own communion. Faithful and zealous as he always is in the interests which it is his duty to conserve, he has done as much as any man in his position, and conditioned by the limitations of his office, could do to harmonise his relations and the relations of his Church with the interests and the feelings of the community. Inspired by the spirit of Australian patriotism, he has used the influence of his high position, by his voice and by his pen, to infuse the same spirit into all over whom his influence extends. The enlightened and liberal policy of Leo XIII, has a good exponent in Cardinal Moran; and while everyone recognises in his Eminence an unflinching defender of his Church, his respect for the position and opinion of those who differ from him has been reciprocated. The reports which reached us from time to time as to the precarious state of the Cardinal's health have been received with regret, and now that he has returned to Australia restored in health, the community generally unites in bidding him welcome.

Descensus Averni.

INCREASE OF CRIME IN VICTORIA.

The Rev. S. Savage, an Independent clergyman, of Carlton, made the statistics of Victorian crime a subject of special study with the object of refuting charges on that head brought against the colony by Dr. Moorhouse, now Anglican Bishop of Manchester, and Mr. Savage has been unexpectedly, obliged to acknowledge that facts more than justify the bishop's impeachment of secular education. "Quivis," a correspondent of the *Argus*, furnished that journal on Saturday last with the results of Mr. Savage's investigations, and of these, with some curtailment immaterial to the issue, we now avail ourselves.

From the gardens hard by come the chirp of the sparrows and the laughter of the children at play, but the peace of the hour is not in the heart of Mr. Savage as he says wearily.

"The collecting of these figures has brought to me sorrow—many a wakeful hour have they cost when I think of what they forecast. Yes, sir, if there is any truth in the returns of Mr. Hayter and of the Sydney Government statist, Victoria is in a very bad way—Victoria bids fair to become ere long the wickedest place in Australia."

"This may be considered your message, then? If you could tell me how you got it I should feel obliged."

"A weary business truly, and a duty which came to me unought. When Dr. Moorhouse made his famous speech at the Folkestone Church Congress on the disastrous result of the neglect of religious teaching in the colonies, it was circulated in pamphlet form throughout England by the enemies of secular education. I was asked to check his figures, with the view of preparing a counterblast if possible. I checked them, and found that the Bishop of Manchester's assertions were every one more than substantiated. Look here! This is a chart based upon 'Hayter's Year Book,' and dealing with the centennial period, 1881-91. Later figures are not available yet. It deals with Victoria alone, and you will see that each strip is headed 'increase'—there are no decreases in this chart. Look for yourself and see what it tells—see how the columns rise with fatal persistency from year to year."

There is a mocking irony in the gay-coloured bands when I master their meaning, and they seem to leap up like jets from an infernal fountain that never becomes exhausted but gets fuller every day. For this is in the story they tell:—

"No man can actively participate in the designs and achievements of any secret society and also work dutifully for the Democracy." *Sydney Bulletin* Sept 2nd, 1893.

Victoria—Period 1881-91.

	Per cent.
1. Increase of population ...	32.24
2. " of arrests for all crimes ...	39.78
3. " of arrests for drunkenness ...	63.19
4. " of summary convictions or held to bail (males) ...	46.18
5. " of arrests for more serious crimes ...	54.69
6. " of native-born Victorians ...	42.94
7. " of crime among native-born Victorians ...	88.65
8. " of illegitimate births in Victoria ...	49.35
9. " of population of Melbourne ...	73.67
10. " of illegitimacy in Melbourne ...	92.16
11. Children attending the Sunday schools between 5 and 13 (census returns) ...	38.55
12. Ditto ditto (denominational returns) ...	50.00

"These figures are shocking—but what about the state of other colonies? Are they, too, traveling the road to Avernus? I inquire.

"I have charts dealing with the other colonies—particularly New South Wales—but I have a delicacy in using them. Victorians don't care for these comparisons, you know."

"Victorians are above such petty feelings. They are entirely monopolised by our dear friends across the border" says the interviewer hotly.

"I have only been here three years so I must speak with caution. But it has struck me that New South Wales, with the consciousness of possessing a great territory, looks with something like pity on the Victorians."

The sight has come now, and by the light of the reading lamp another chart is studied, which shows that in a diabolical race with the mother colony Victoria is overtaking her rival as a nursery for criminals, and bids fair to excel her as the years roll on.

"You got a great start with the flower of the world's manhood in the fifties—and New South Wales was handicapped with Botany Bay to begin with," says the prophet, solemnly—"and see how you have quitted yourselves."

The second chart shows results for the same period, 1881-91, such as these:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
Population	Vic., 32.24	N.S.W., 50.26
Arrests for drunkenness	" 63.19	" 3.0
Arrests for all crimes	" 39.78	" 8.33
Serious offences	" 54.69	" 15.66
Apprehensions and summons cases per 1000 of the population	Vic., 8.79	N.S.W., 19.65
Summary convictions per 1000 of the population	" 8.02	" 14.50
First commitments for trial per 10,000 of the population	" 2.09	" 10.26
Convictions after commitment per 10,000 of the population	" 1.24	" 7.17

"Crime and vice dog intemperance like its shadow, and the drink bill of Australasia goes to prove it," said the prophet, as he handed me a roll containing the following figures:—

CONSUMPTION OF DRINK IN THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES IN 1891.

(Gallons Per Head of Population.)

Colony.	Beer.	Spirits.	Wine.	Alcohol (Proof Spirit).
West Aus.	11.23	1.47	4.12	4.15
Victoria	17.23	1.19	1.72	3.93
N.S. Wales	11.42	1.11	0.84	2.83
Queensland	10.56	1.16	0.84	2.72
South Aus.	11.23	0.65	1.66	2.61
Tasmania	9.29	0.64	0.17	1.88
N. Zealand	7.65	0.70	0.17	1.74

*Mean for Australia, 2.93 gal.

"But these figures relate to the boom years mainly, don't they? They don't refer to the Victoria of to-day—the drink figures, for instance?" I urge at length.

"To a certain extent you are right," my informant replied. "The highest point of drink consumption was reached between March '88 and '89, when

the bill was £6,780, 430. The next year it fell to £5,562,554, and the year following to £5,496,454.

"Have the crime fixtures fallen off, too, since '89?"

"Yes. The increase of arrests for all crimes between 1880 and 1890 was 60.92 per cent., while between '90 and '91 it was only 39.38 per cent."

"Don't you see any hope of a change for the better in these latest figures?"

"Candidly, no, sir. I do not think that the spirit of the people is changed. I see no evidence of a moral improvement. There is simply the evidence of an inability to purchase luxuries and indulge in vice."

"Then wouldn't it be better for us if the depression lasted some time longer?" I inquire.

"I doubt it. The most energetic and earnest of our young men are going, and leaving the feckless and thriftless behind them."

"But they'll come back again with better times, surely?"

"Perhaps not. If the time of our recovery is delayed they'll get married and settle down in a new sphere, and never come back again."

"But there must be some special cause, you know—for—this—unfortunate state of affairs?"

"Of course there are causes. I do not pretend to exhaust them, but I think that they are mainly these—During the period my figures deal with, the immense facilities for making money rapidly produced a materialism and an idolatry of wealth debasing to the moral character, and to the lowering of the standard of public virtue. Secular education, I think, has been another cause. A third has been the absence of family religion and parental control. And a fourth, the lax administration of justice. Take the offence of drunkenness as an example. In 1891, of every hundred drunkards arrested in Victoria, 41 were discharged with a caution. In Queensland only 2 per cent. escaped, in New Zealand 3 per cent., in South Australia and Tasmania 5 per cent., and in New South Wales 8 per cent."

"Your message would be a barren and a cruel one—unless you could suggest some cure for the evils you denounce."

"There is a way back," he answers, sadly. "But will you take it? Years ago Dr. Moorhouse said words in effect like these to his brother ministers. 'If the secular system of education goes on you will find in course of time your occupation will be gone. You will not be pastors of Christian churches, but missionaries to the heathen.' The longer such a system lasts the more it tends to perpetuate itself. Let us get back religion in the home—parental control in the home; let us give our children back the Bible. Give our young people a large acquaintance with the Scriptures—which are as much the foundations of all morality as the multiplication table is of the science of arithmetic."

"Do you think that the mere reading of a chapter of the Bible would make a boy virtuous? Is not this a decidedly mechanical conception of religion?" I venture to ask.

"Without the Bible you have nothing to work upon. The Bible alone contains the authoritative, 'thou shalt and thou shalt not. Ask the matron of the Refuge, and she will tell you that the lost souls who come under her care can nearly all read and write. They have passed through the state schools, and have left with the moral sense practically undeveloped. She has something to work upon when dealing with girls from Catholic schools, but nothing at all to appeal to in the others."

"But how do you get over the Roman Catholic crime difficulty? You are aware, of course, that Roman Catholics, who do get religious instruction in their schools, furnish more than their share of criminals?"

"I am aware of the difficulty. It is difficult to answer your question without incurring the risk of being thought uncharitable. But truth compels me to say that no comparison can be drawn between the simple teaching of the Bible and the teaching of Roman theol-

ogy in the Catholic schools."

Nothing would be easier than to shrug the shoulder and pass on with the words "amiable enthusiast," and the old sneer, "Figures can prove anything." But I cannot conclude so. I love this fair land all the better because the clouds over it are dark, and I wish my children to grow up brave and good men and women in it, when better times have come again, and for that matter even if they never come. Let those in authority look to it that such charges as Mr. Savage makes are not left without an answer. If they are false they should be disproved, and if they are true the sins of the past should be repented of, and the causes of the evil removed. A remarkable movement is attracting the attention of thinking men in France at present, which, from the name of its chief apostle, is called "Desjardinisme." It is the expression of the reaction against the materialism of the age—an attempt to "reconstruct a fatherland of the soul" (*une patrie à l'esprit*). From the constitution of things there is an underlying divine current—what has been aptly termed "*le serpentement divin des choses humaines*," from which

"Sorrow tracketh wrong
As echo follows song."

The "Philosophy of the Trough" asserts that "the sole aim of man is happiness in this life," and Paul Desjardins interrogates it thus:—"Are love and justice the supreme good, or are they possible illusions and almost certain disappointments? Have we a destiny, an ideal, a duty, or are we disquieting ourselves in vain without cause or aim, for the amusement of some heartless demiurge or the mere caprice of the universal Pan?" And as no reply is forthcoming, he answers for himself—"I, myself, have taken sides. I live in the determined conviction that humanity has a destiny—that we are not here for nothing." And a co-worker in the movement, M. Charles Wagner, sums up the matter in these words:—"Life—this life—is not the highest good; but evil-doing is the supreme and crowning ill."

The Irish team, who won the tug-of-war contest in Glasgow, would measure in length, if the ten men were placed head to foot, 60 feet 11 3/4 inches; weight in lump, 147 stone 1/2 lb; and have a total of 256 years between them.

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At a meeting of the above Board held at Newcastle on the fifth day of August, 1893, it was resolved to close that portion of the Surveyed Road No. 377, (Gazetted 13th April, 1893), from its intersection with the Newcastle-Coomalling road Northward to the Westernmost corner of Avon Location 1698.

D. CONNOR.

Chairman T. R. Board.

Newcastle, W.A. Oct. 7th, 1893.

TOODYAY ROADS BOARD.

Opening Of New Road.

At a meeting of the above Board held at Newcastle on the fifth day of August, 1893, it was resolved to declare a Minor road starting from a spot on the Newcastle-Coomalling Road situate at the Easternmost corner of Avon Location 1697, and extending North-North-West, and West-South-West, along it East-North-East, and North North-West, boundaries joining the Surveyed Road, No. 377 (Gazetted on 13th April, 1893) at the Westernmost corner of said Avon Location 1697.

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- 5—FRI. Vigil of Epiphany.
- 6—SAT. The Epiphany. Holiday of obligation
- 7—SUN. Within the octave of Epiphany.
- 8—MON. Within the octave.
- 9—TUES. Within the octave.
- 10—WED. Within the octave.
- 11 THUR. Within the octave.

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"Be indefatigable in your purpose, and with undaunted spirit resist iniquity and try to conquer evil with good, having before your eye the reward prepared for those who combat for the name of Christ."—Pius IX.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1894.

NEVER did a year open more brightly for this country than the present. Standing at the vantage point where the Old Year and the New meet, it is the happy lot of the people of West Australia to be able to look backward with satisfaction and forward with high hope and confidence. The one dark cloud which hung upon the horizon some months ago has almost disappeared. So far have the requirements of justice been complied with in our regard, that of all the provinces we have suffered the least by the financial calamities which we have had the least share in causing. Strong in its boundless youthful vigor the colony has thrown off depression as easily as the lion shakes the dewdrops from his mane, and every branch of industry and commerce flourishes. Perhaps we may even in time to come count the misfortunes of our neighbours, although they have left us not unscathed, as blessings in disguise, for in them we certainly find one reason why so many were ready to flock hitherwards on the first news of the discovery of gold.

Not the least of the many good things for which we have to be thankful is that of a wise and capable Government. At such a moment as this, when we survey with one comprehensive glance the result of their labours, none but the most ungracious and carping would deny that the present ministry have done extremely well. Their unflinching faith in the colony they have left it in the power of no honest man to impugn, and it must be remembered that they displayed it most conspicuously at a time when many even of the boldest inclined to grow faint-hearted and to prophesy evil. Numerous important public works, some of them conceived on a grand scale, attest their courage and enterprise; and in the issue, as even thus early it is impossible to doubt, will show that their boldness has been largely tempered with prudence. And to turn to their achievements in another sphere, they have at least set the colony's feet in those paths of political progress from which she can never again be withdrawn, except with her own consent. How far and how fast she may advance, and with what fortune, will for the future rest entirely with herself. She is now the mistress of her own destinies.

Over the future lies a veil, but a veil of sheeny golden tissue. The most sanguine anticipations seem to be justified. West Australia has lived down the unfounded reproach of having been niggardly endowed by Nature. She has the potency of becoming a land flowing with milk and honey,

a land literally and preeminently full of wine, oil, and corn. The hand of industry is alone wanting to make the wilderness blossom as the rose. In her generous soil, her teeming seas, her valuable forests, she has a rich heritage which any country on earth might be proud to own. More astonishing still is her mineral wealth. Not to speak of the baser metals, though these seem to exist in her soil in inexhaustible abundance and variety, her vast territory is traversed from north to south, a distance of some two thousand miles, by probably the most wonderful belt of auriferous country in the world. Into the secrets of this enchanted region men are only beginning to pry, but it is already known that it hides such treasures as even the most audacious imaginations have hitherto hardly dared to dream of. In addition to all these gifts of a kind Providence we have been favoured with propitious seasons and plentiful harvests. Need we wonder that the country is instinct with a new life, and occupied with new ideals, new ambitions, new hopes? Is it surprising that the very mists which shroud the future from our inquisitive gaze seem to glow with the richest tints of gold and rose colour?

Local and General.

MEASLES are still prevalent in Northam. On Thursday last was completed the third year of office of the Forrest Ministry.

A DEPARTMENT of mines has been created and placed under the direction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, with Mr. H. C. Prinsep as permanent secretary.

ON the Saturday preceding Christmas Day over 100 passengers booked by the South-Western Railway for Bunbury and intermediate stations on the line.

UNDER the regulations of the "Scab Act" owners of sheep must send in their returns to the Resident Magistrate of the district on or before the 14th instant.

HIS Excellency the Governor has remitted the unexpired portion of the sentence passed upon William Linthorne at Geraldton on the 7th of November last, for a breach of the Wines, Beer and Spirits Sale Act.

THE contractors for the telegraph line to the Murchison goldfields have cleared about eighty miles, and have distributed poles for forty miles along the route. The contract will be completed about the end of the present year.

THE Commissioner of Fisheries, Mr. Saville-Kent, has forwarded a report to Government in which he recommends that a sum of £100 be expended in the establishment of oyster fisheries in the neighbourhood of Albany.

ON Monday afternoon it was discovered that the woodwork of the Eastern portion of the Causeway was on fire. The fire bell was rung and a number of citizens ran the reel down to the scene of the fire, which was extinguished in a few minutes.

MR. SMITH, a representative of the Australian Mining Standard, who has been deputed to examine and report on the Coolgardie and Murchison auriferous areas, says that we may expect to have between 40,000 and 50,000 miners on our goldfields next winter.

As a sample of the productiveness of the soil of the Northam district we may mention that Mr. J. McManus, one of the largest hay growers of the locality, cut a crop of oats recently yielding five tons per acre. It stood over five feet high, and was certainly the best crop of its kind we have seen for some time.

ON Saturday afternoon a young man named Reginald Arthur Scott Hill committed suicide at the Governor's Room Hotel by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been three years in the colony, and occupied the position of bookkeeper for the Canning Jarrah Timber Company. It is supposed that deceased was suffering from sunstroke.

SOME few days back a man named John Williamson committed suicide at a place called Little Chookerup about fifteen miles from Albany. Deceased, who was 50 of age years, had travelled so far on his way back from Coolgardie. By means of a looped piece of string he discharged his gun with his foot and the shot severed the jugular vein.

A FEW days back a son of Mr. James Rodgers, of Australind, met with a severe accident. He was hunting cattle when his horse brought him into contact with a tree whereby one of his legs was broken. A medical man was sent for, but during the time which passed before his arrival young Mr. Rodgers, a brother of the injured lad, set the broken limb, and skilfully put it in splints and bandages. When the doctor arrived he found that the operation had been so well performed that he said at once there was no necessity for his attendance.

MINING.

The sum of £80 was paid recently for one share in a claim on the Greenbushes Tinfield.

Another shoot of gold has been struck in the Orient mine on the Murchison field, which promises to give a rich return.

The latest crushing of stone from the Star of the East mine, Murchison, gave a return of 1127 ounces of gold from 280 tons.

It is rumoured that a nugget weighing 200 ozs. has been found at Siberia. This portion of the field near Coolgardie had been up to a short time back looked upon as a duffer, but it is now reported that many diggers are doing well there.

The following return shows the quantity of gold declared for export at the Customs at Fremantle, on Saturday:—
Ex s.s. Eddystone, declared by diggers, 80ozs., value £300; declared by banks, 8,756oz. 19dwts. 21grs., value £32,900, all of which is for Melbourne (from Coolgardie). Ex s.s. New Guinea, for Melbourne (from Coolgardie), 286ozs., 11dwts. 3grs., value £1,000. Total value of gold exported, £34,200.

Writing under date of 2nd December, the mining manager of the Star of the East mine, states the reef shows great regularity, being from six to ten feet wide. The walls are smooth and solid, and this will save much timber and expense. The battery ran from 13th to 27th November, during which time 150 tons were put through for 628 ounces of retorted gold. Again from November 27th to December 9th putting through 130 tons of stone, which realised 550 ounces of retorted gold.

Lord Percy Douglas has been speaking a piece with an interviewer of the *West Australian Mining Register*, published in London, in which he paints the future of reefing at Coolgardie in glowing colours. He praises highly the general good conduct of the diggers on the field, saying that they are the quietest set of men he ever saw. He acknowledges that the capitalists of England are slow to believe in all the stories that reach them of the riches of the field, as evidenced by the fact that they are loath to invest their money in the mines now being exploited. Lord Percy Douglas condemns the apathetic disposition of these moneyed men, and warns them that when the success of the field is assured beyond doubt they will be only too anxious to secure an outlet for their capital in the mines at Coolgardie, but will find to their cost that all the plums have been secured and their opportunity gone. He himself has so much faith in the field that he announced his intention of returning to West Australia, and bringing his wife with him.

COUNTRY NEWS.

BUNBURY.

The weather during the past few days has been very cool.

I regret that force of circumstances, or to put it plainly want of time, has rendered it impossible for me to send my usual communications to the RECORD the last few weeks.

I notice with pleasure that Mr. W. Fee, son of Mr. Fee, of Dardanup, has been appointed to the position of station master at Minninup. During the time that Mr. Fee discharged the

duties of jetty foreman in this town anyone having business to transact at the goods shed could always rely upon receiving civility and courtesy at the hands of Mr. Fee.

A general election is beginning to cause some little talk, and several names are mentioned as likely to contest some of the districts in this part. The name of Mr. DeHamel has been mentioned as a likely candidate for the Wellington District in opposition to Mr. Venn. Sir John Forrest will without a doubt, have a walk over for Bunbury. Sir James G. Lee Steere will be opposed for the Nelson constituency by Mr. Knox Brown, and it is probable that another rival will enter the field for this electorate. Mr. Cookworthy will also be opposed for the Vasse District.

YORK.

Father Gibney will visit Beverley on Sunday next.

Sports of a varied kind and degree of excellence were held here on Boxing Day.

The marriage of Mr. Fiskin with Miss Alltop took place here on Christmas Day.

Our respected postmaster Mr. Lloyd has been indisposed, but is now recovering.

The Rev. Father Gibney accompanied by the Sisters of Mercy paid a short visit to Northam last week.

The Volunteer Band discourses sweet music on special occasions in the vicinity of our Zoological Gardens.

The bathing conveniences recently erected on the banks of the Avon are being largely availed of by those who reside in the neighbourhood.

Bicycle riding is quite the fashion here now and pedestrianism is almost superseded, while equestrianism is falling into desuetude.

A thunderstorm passed over the town on Dec. 23rd, and the weather during Christmastide was cool and pleasant. However the heat rapidly increased in its intensity, and may now be said to be at the normal summer temperature.

Some persons incline to the opinion that more justices of the peace are required throughout the colony. Certainly, if only as an improvement upon some of the earlier appointments. But let the new candidates undergo an examination, say in equity.

The decorations of the church on Christmas Day were of an unexceptionally pleasing character. In accordance with custom three masses were celebrated, and an unusually large number approached the altar at the early services. The singing was really good.

NORTHERNERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held at the Club Hotel on Tuesday evening last, having for its object the formation in Geraldton of a branch of the Northerners' Association. Among those present were Mr. Chas. Mitchell and Mr. E. Pope (Wainwright & Co.), Mr. A. E. Ritchie (Ritchie Robson & Co.), Mr. W. H. Turner (Union Bank), Mr. C. P. Reilly (Reilly & Co.) Mr. C. J. Cooke (D. K. Congdon), Mr. P. Stone, Mr. J. Urch, Mr. S. Burges (W. & S. Burges), Mr. F. B. Wittenoom and Mr. H. E. Kenny.

Mr. Pope having been voted to the chair,

Mr. Ritchie moved "That a branch of the Northerners' Association be established in Geraldton." He mentioned that on the inauguration of the parent association he and two other gentlemen were appointed by the central council to act as a committee to start a local branch of the association in Geraldton. He explained that for several reasons nothing had, however, been done in

the past, but was glad to feel there was now every prospect of a practical step being taken. He explained at length the objects of the Association and the qualifications for membership, on which point there seemed to be in the minds of some people a misapprehension. The qualification for membership was a matter of fact one which was almost embracing, three months' residence only being necessary. The property qualification mentioned in the constitution referred merely to persons not resident in the district who might desire to become members. The society was not what would be called a political one, but was designed to protect and promote Northern interests generally—in short to create a common bond among the people of the North. It was felt that it was necessary owing to the strong representation in Parliament which was given to the South that unless the northern members on certain matters pulled together they might find themselves neglected. Mr. Ritchie referred to the fact that a movement was on foot to start a Progress Association in the town. Such an institution might be useful, but he thought they would find by practical experience that they would do better to form a branch of the Northerners' Association, become affiliated with other branches which were already established, as in this way they would be more influential and a greater power in the land.

Mr. Reilly seconded the resolution. He could not, however, regard the institution as being non-political. It seemed to him it was almost essentially a political one—though its politics would be to a certain extent provincial.

Dr. Laffan spoke against the resolution. He advocated localism pure and simple, abused the Government, advocated a purely independent society, and ultimately moved an amendment to that effect which was seconded by Mr. Stone, who failed to see that other branches of the Northerners' Association had accomplished any useful work.

Mr. F. Wittenoom supported the resolution, condemned isolated action and pointed out advantages to be gained by being united with a strong organization having its headquarters at Perth in close touch with the Government.

Mr. Kenny having spoken in favour of the resolution Dr. Laffan's amendment was put and lost, and the resolution carried.

Mr. Ritchie by request consented to act as secretary pro. tem.

The meeting then adjourned until a date to be fixed some time next month, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

OUR EASTERN GOLDFIELDS

THE IMPRESSIONS OF ONE WHO HAS SEEN THEM.

(BY C. J. MORAN.)

It is only during the last few years, that the vast interior of the colony has been sufficiently traversed to give us an idea of its nature and its surface formation, and as very often happens a long sustained theory that it was a desert has been completely exploded. I say this idea—like a great many others held on no very tangible basis—with the lapse of time has died out, and we know now with certainty that the interior of this colony, is rich in all the qualities of soil requisite for all purposes that a country may be put to. It is to give your readers an idea of the interior in our Eastern territory that I write this sketch hoping that it may be read by all who look forward to the speedy internal development of West Australia, for the greater part of this article will be confined to a descriptive view of the country from which each may draw his own conclusions, and if here and there the writer verge into a statement of policy, it is offered with the greatest goodwill, to be canvassed as each may be guided

by his own ideas. The main object however, is that the people of this colony should rise to the present occasion and judiciously mould the present great opportunities into a sound and lasting basis for the future progress of this hitherto mediæval colony and bring it rapidly into line with modern countries. For assuredly West Australia is about to undergo a great change, and conservative principles cannot possibly long delay the metamorphosis.

The finger of destiny is plainly visible in the recent developments in this colony. For many many years settlement had gone on in the coastal districts against adversities unknown in any other colony and on the poorest country in the whole Australian continent. No one dreamt of the hidden wealth of the interior, and thus West Australia struggled on "with no internal development," and we see the astounding fact to-day of a young colony with all its revenue coming from customs and other artificial sources.

But the discovery of gold inland has led to the advent of a period of surprises. The time has come and with it comes those who are to pioneer civilization into the interior. Nothing but gold can attract people so quickly from all parts and gold is being found widely distributed and easily attainable when found, and the country is becoming known to thousands.

The country undergoes a complete change when the gold belt is reached and the weary sight of sand gives place to belts of the richest soil heavily timbered and well grassed.

Some distance this side of Southern Cross a very rich belt of soil is met with and the country round about the Cross is rich to a degree. From this onward to Coolgardie the country may be described as a succession of rich belts of soil and sand plains, but not the sand plains of the coast. They are belts of sand, clay and gravel mixed and very rich for many purposes, when cleared of the dense and evergreen undergrowth which covers them. And it is to these sand plains that the vast interior will owe its progress, as much as the rich belts of soil for these plains are the great conservers of water and their presence is in every single instance the assurance that a supply of water may be obtained.

On the edge of these plains the granite formation comes to the surface and throws up huge masses of naked, stone, rocks of enormous area, and, forming catchments at the foot of which water is found at no great depth in nearly every instance. These rocks cover 50 to 70 acres and even more and present the finest facilities for the formation of dams of any size. And it must be borne in mind that these rocks occur with unfailing regularity and at distances convenient for all purposes of travelling. I have stood on the top of a high rock on the road to Coolgardie and on all sides away in the untrodden bush as far as the eye could reach these great green patches of rock stand up, and I have no hesitation in saying that for purposes of water conservation this great Eastern country surpasses in facilities the interior of any of the Australian colonies. For it must be borne in mind, that a very light shower is sufficient to make the water trickle down the side of these rocks the same as off a house-top.

The further inland one goes the richer is the country. In the neighbourhood of Coolgardie the country is rich and further on the nature of the soil is truly astonishing. In the last rush to Siberia a belt of country is met with which might well rival with the plains of New South Wales or Queensland. Almost destitute of trees covered with a profusion of tufty grass and of the very richest volcanic soil with a total absence of sand.

Further on still at the Ninety-mile the soil is of the same rich character, and the horses of the prospectors last winter were rolling in fat.

Of course at present the minds of all are turned towards mineral development. It was the same in the early days of Victoria and Queensland,

But in years to come it requires no great power of imagination to see the attention of people turned to the soil which year by year gives forth its crop of grass sufficient to feed tens of thousands of stock, and offering the greatest encouragement to men to settle down.

Firstly the climate is the best. Sickness at present at Coolgardie is almost unknown. Secondly the goldfields present a market for all kinds of produce unequalled in Australia and the present system of importing and having stuff brought so many hundred miles cannot long obtain. Year by year the mining industry will assume a definite form, and settlements will occur and townships arise on the various mining centres, and to run the mines to advantage and to profit, food and produce will require to be obtained at reasonable rates.

Meanwhile the policy of progress must be very vigorously prosecuted and progress means "conserve water." "Forward West Australia and conserve water."

A brief exposition of policy no doubt, but what consequences it entails. There are the facilities, and the rainfall is sufficient. And here let me say that there is a mistaken idea in the minds of many with regard to public expenditure for water supply on the goldfields. It is chiefly among those of long standing in the colony, and who have considerable vested interests here. It is argued that it is unpolitic to spend public money on these works and to saddle the settled portions of the community with a debt, that is incurred solely for the benefit of the miners. There only two premises upon which this theory could be upheld. Firstly supposing the soil on these fields to be barren and unproductive then of course when the goldfields were worked out the place would be deserted. But one journey through the country at once banishes this theory and the fact remains that these works will remain as lasting factors of wealth and progress even after the fields are worked out. Secondly it might be argued that these fields will not prove payable and if not then these works are premature and misplaced. To this it is patent that up to the present the fields have justified all expectations, and it will take many years to prove their permanency or otherwise, and it would be sound policy to obtain a water supply even if the soil were the most barren, and for the simple reason that the colony is more than recouped by the revenue which these fields bring in and the great impetus which they give to trade so that as a temporary investment these works would be a success.

Now to rapidly sum up on the case. There is the direct revenue from the fields themselves bringing coin to the treasury and there is the equally important direct income to our Eastern settlers for their produce and their teams, giving their capital to enlarge their holdings and cultivate larger farms, thereby increasing the colony's productive facilities. To this is added the fact that new country is being opened up more fertile than any yet tilled and capable of producing all those necessaries of life the scarcity of which is the greatest slur and drawback to the colony at present. Finally let it be remembered the colony is at present engaged in prosecuting a public works policy, and "that not one of its works is in the true sense reproductive." Harbour works will not make cattle and sheep grow and railways cannot convert poor land into rich soil, and at present we have been engaged in bridging the distance between our capital and the richer parts of the interior. Now is the time for the work of production. And in Australia the most reproductive work is the conservation of water. It is food meat and drink to the soil causing it to give forth its riches in abundance, and making its people independent and content. It is imperative that our interior be opened up and that even if there were never a grain of gold found there.

But providence has endowed the

colony richly and has done everything short of sinking dams, and this remains for the industry and enterprise of the people.

Let no one doubt the expediency of the works, for they are not only opening up a new country which will amply repay its debts, "but which will also take a great share of the burden off the shoulders of other parts." I have dwelt at some length on this question because I consider it the most important that can come before the people of this colony for many years and well worthy of any public man's sole attention, and of the attention of any progressive government. It is indeed desirable that we should have harbour works, railways and public buildings, but meanwhile it is more important still that the interior of the colony should be developed and that its fertile tracts should be made capable of bearing the population that is to enrich and strengthen it.

Before finishing I should like to say a word or two about the hardy pioneers who are in the van in opening up our hitherto unknown territory. The alluvial diggers are as a body a superior class of men. Physically inured to hardships that we little dream of, living on the coarsest of fare and undergoing lives of the severest toil, they are well worthy of the consideration of our Government. They are Australia's pioneers, and their spirit lives in the independent feeling of the coming generation, law-abiding, generous and hospitable they give less trouble and cause more development than any other section of the community, and it is by kindness that many of these men are induced to settle in a colony when they have won sufficient to give them a start in life. Upon mature consideration then it would appear that all the recent commotion about giving the miners three months exemption is very ill-judged and ill-timed. The gold they have won is their own and in most cases they have paid dearly for it. And the fact of some of them leaving for the other colonies with their little treasures, is one of the best things that could happen for West Australia. Because these men will be distributed through the other colonies and will show their gold to their friends, and the sight of the real thing itself will have more weight than any amount of hearsay. And in most cases these men are gone away to return again and prosecute their search for more gold with renewed vigor.

Taking into consideration the whole of the circumstances of our Eastern goldfields territory and their surroundings, there is everything to embolden our legislature to apply to their development all the wise and progressive measures which may be necessary, and remembering the old adage "Make hay while the sun shines," they should not fail to do all in their power to render access to the interior at all times practicable. Future development will show whether a land grant policy for our interior would or would not be a wise one. One thing is certain. The resources are there, capital is necessary to develop them, and it is more than probable that the coming twelve months will witness a relaxation in the money market, and we should be ready to show our wares to the investor.

I will remark before concluding that we are year by year getting closer to our neighbours on the East, and whereas hitherto all intercourse has been round by the front door, the day is not far distant when we shall be coming up by the back door and shaking hands with them over the border, and that which has been will be no more, viz. an impassable barrier, a wilderness, between ourselves and our friends on "the other side." There will only be one side then, and that will be the bright side, which side I hope will turn up to all our diggers this coming year. And wishing them all a happy and prosperous "New Year" I will draw this sketch to a close.

The Political Meeting up to Date in Sydney.

A BRUTAL EXHIBITION.

A meeting of citizens was held in the Protestant Hall on Tuesday night, at which resolutions were carried condemning the Government for proroguing Parliament. Sir Henry Parkes presided. The principal speakers were Messrs. Reid, Wise, and McMillan, M.P. Mr. Reid, M.P., described Sir George Dibbs as the greatest political tramp and sundowner in the country, and said that of all the 125 electorates there is not one in which he could put the sole of his political foot.

Here is the *Evening News* description of the opening scene of the evening:—

Sir Henry's election as chairman did not meet with unanimous approval. A countless individual in the northern gallery shook his fist excitedly in the air and protested against "the white-headed old sinner" presiding. The chairman's calls of "Order," and cries of "Throw him out" from the body of the Hall were entirely lost on the man, who, with unabated vigour, continued to shower down epithets, couched in most domestic English, on the venerable ex-Premier. Several times the chairman attempted to make himself heard, but interruption continued. Presently, however, Nemesis—in the person of Mick Dooley, of pugilistic fame—was seen making his way with some others through the dense mass towards the hapless individual. The latter saw Dooley approaching, and at once assumed a fighting attitude. "Come on, you bullies," rose from a number of voices, and the invitation being accepted, without more ado a regular "flare up" ensued. Dooley grappled with the unruly disturber, and proceeded to eject him. His operations were, however, considerably retarded, the gallery being densely packed, and those in the immediate neighbourhood showing a disinclination to render him any assistance. With much scuffling and struggling Dooley succeeded in forcing his charge half-way to the door, when the latter became infuriated, and made one last effort to regain his feet. Blows and kicks he levelled all round him, and soon a scene of the wildest uproar prevailed. Battens were wrenched off the backs of the seats and mingled in the air with sticks and umbrellas, to the accompaniment of angry shrieks, vociferous groans, and booboos from all parts of the house. The struggle was a desperate one, and one not likely to be soon forgotten. With the instinct of self-preservation predominant, the seething mass retreated, and left a space for the immediate combatants. It was then seen that the pugilist had got his man fairly under, and the faces of both were besmeared with blood. Tottering to his feet the countless individual, with his clothes torn and disarranged, staggered to the front of the gallery and turned his bleeding face appealingly to the chairman. Close behind him came Dooley, who caught him by the back of the neck, and struck the man several times in the face. "You coward" rose from a number of angry voices, whereupon Dooley faced the audience and pointed to his own bloody face as a justification for his act. Apparently dazed, the originator of the trouble was then dragged to the door, and the scene, which was as brutal as it was degrading, terminated.

But the matter did not end here. Many persons thought the chairman not altogether blameless for what had occurred. The meeting, which had been worked up to a tremendous pitch of excitement, had barely time to cool down before Dooley returned to the body of the hall, and, leaning against the platform, took up a position commanding the gallery. This appeared to enrage a portion of the audience, and the expulsion of the pugilist was loudly called for. The chairman, who had been endeavouring meanwhile to obtain a hearing, was eagerly questioned as to how much he had paid for Dooley's services, and it was not until the latter retired from his conspicuous

position that Mr. W. Bradley, who rose to move the first resolution, could be heard at all.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

APPOINTMENTS.—Department of Mines: H. C. Prinsep to be secretary, L. L. Crockett, to be clerk, J. F. Roe to be clerk: Land and Survey Department: H. F. Johnston to be chief clerk, vice Prinsep, transferred.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—Presidency Port office, Madras, Nov. 24th, 1893. India—East Coast—Madras Presidency. Proposed Exhibition of New Light at Madras. With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 32, dated 16th June, 1893, it is now notified that the New Light at Madras will be exhibited on and after 1st June 1894.

TENDERS ACCEPTED FOR 1894.—Water transport—Albany and Breaksea Island: A. Armstrong, jr., at per trip (steam launch) £1 10s., cargo at per ton 9s.; Fremantle: John Bateman, at per trip (lighter), £4 12s. 3d. Albany district—Military service: Drew, Robinson & Co., general supplies, articles of kit and clothing, and straw for beds, at various prices; E. Barnett & Co., liquors at various prices; A. Muir & Sons, provisions at various prices; E. Andrews, Bread; W. Merchant, military ankle-boots at various prices. W. Armstrong, milk, and carting and carriage of stores. C. M. Payne, soldiers' uniforms at various prices.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.—J. Timms, Busselton contract—Boyanup-Busselton Railway, £31,408 16s. 5d; W. W. Watkins, additions contract—York medical officer's quarters, £221 11s. 10d.

ROADS BOARDS ELECTIONS.—Swan: members—G. W. Logue, G. E. Sewell, E. R. Brockman, Auditor—W. G. Johnston. York: Members—Richard G. Burges, Kenneth Edwards, John R. Mackie, John William Parker. Northam: Members—James Wilkerson, W. J. Morgan, A. J. M. Loton. Auditor—F. Morrell, senr. Dandaragan. Members—Edward Roberts, John Cook, senr., Charles Cook, Wellington: Members—W. Reading, S. D. Buckley, P. L. Mackay. Greenhills: Chairman—H. Penny. Members—R. M. Boyle, C. Mills, H. Penny, Junr. Moorumbine: Members—W. Shaddick, John Shaddick, Alfred Snow, Tooleyay: Members—B. D. Clarkson, D. Connor, W. R. Sinclair. Murchison: Members—F. F. B. Wittencoom, U. M. Molony, A. G. Lacy. Geraldton: Members—M'Kenzie Grant, E. H. Wittencoom, J. Mills. South Perth: Members—E. C. Shenton, H. R. W. Watson, J. D. Manning.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1892.—Order on application to approve composition: Re A. Grave: Order dated the 22nd inst; composition on all probable debts, five shillings in the £, payable in four equal instalments, viz, 3, 4, 5 and 6 months from the date of the order approving of the composition, such payment to be secured by acceptances endorsed by Frederick Charles Monger and Fredrick Thomas Crowder, both of Perth, merchants.

Victoria distributing £10,000 in bonuses on dairy produce, fruits, and honey for export.

Archbishop Ireland says the "luxury of the rich shall not mean the toiler's misery"

In proportion to population, there is considerably more crime in Belfast than in Clare.

New South Wales harvest estimated at 18 bushels—giving an approximate return of 6,900,000 bushels.

CITY ROLLER FLOUR MILLS, LIMITED.

(Registered under the Companies Act, 1893.)

CAPITAL: £25,000, in 25,000 Shares of £1 each. Payable 1s. per Share on Application, 1s. 6d. on Allotment. Three months after date of Allotment, Calls of Sixpence per Share per month will be made until 10s. per Share has been called, which it is anticipated will be sufficient.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS:

ANDREW DEMPSTER, Esq.; F. MONGER, Esq.
A. W. CRUICKSHANK, Esq.; F. T. CROWDER, Esq.; W. J. A. SANDERSON, Esq.; T. W. HARDWICK, Esq.; J. P. DEMPSTER, Esq.

With power to add to their number.

BANKERS:

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BROKERS:

Messrs. A. W. CRUICKSHANK & CO., Perth.

SECRETARY:

Mr. JOHN NEIL.

OFFICES:

EXCHANGE CORNER, ST. GEORGE'S TERRACE, PERTH.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company is formed for the purpose of purchasing a suitable Site in the City of Perth, and to erect thereon a Roller Flour Mill, with the most improved Machinery, and to carry on the Business of Millers and Produce Dealers, in the said Colony.

The Provisional Directors have been successful in securing, on favourable terms, one of the most suitable Sites in the City. This Site commands a direct Siding from the Eastern Railway, thereby reducing the cost of carriage considerably.

It is evident that the establishment of a first-class Roller Flour Mill will be of great benefit to the Colony, whilst the profits which the Company may fairly expect to make may be gauged by the fact that Flour cannot be imported from the other Colonies under an advance on the first cost of about Two POUNDS per ton.

During the last three years, this Colony has imported FLOUR to the value of £95,219.

There is now a large area of Land under WHEAT cultivation, which will rapidly increase when the Railways, now being constructed and approaching completion, are opened for traffic.

The following approximate Estimate, compiled by authentic authorities, shows a profit of £44 13s. 9d. per week, or £2,323 15s. per annum, equal to a Dividend of over 20 per cent. on the paid up Capital of £12,500:—

Dr.	£	s	d
To 2,200 Bushels Wheat, at 4s. ...	440	0	0
" Firing and Oiling ...	8	5	0
" Wages ...	35	0	0
" Water ...	0	13	9
" Wear and Tear, Depreciation, and Upkeep of Mill and Machinery ...	19	10	0
" Insurance on £10,000, at 20s. per cent. ...	1	17	9
" Balance of Profit to Cr. ...	44	13	6
	£550	0	0

Cr.	£	s	d
By 44 tons Flour, £10 ...	440	0	0
" 22 tons Bran and Pollard at £5 11s 0d ...	110	0	0
	£550	0	0

By Balance (Profit) ... £44 13 9

As Manager of the Mill, the Directors are in a position to secure the services of a Milling expert having wide and practical experience both at home and abroad, who is prepared to guarantee the best results, based upon a nominal salary and a percentage on the profits.

The Company shall be deemed to be floated when 15,000 Shares have been subscribed (of which already applications for over 7,000 have been received).

In the event of the Shares being over-applied for, allotments will be made *pro rata*. Dividends to the Shareholders shall not be declared until the Mill has been at work at least 12 months.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Directors of the City Roller Flour Mills, Limited.

Gentlemen,—
Please allot me Shares in the above Company, against which I enclose Cheque for _____, being amount of 1s. per Share upon application.

Signature.....

Name in full.....

Address.....

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