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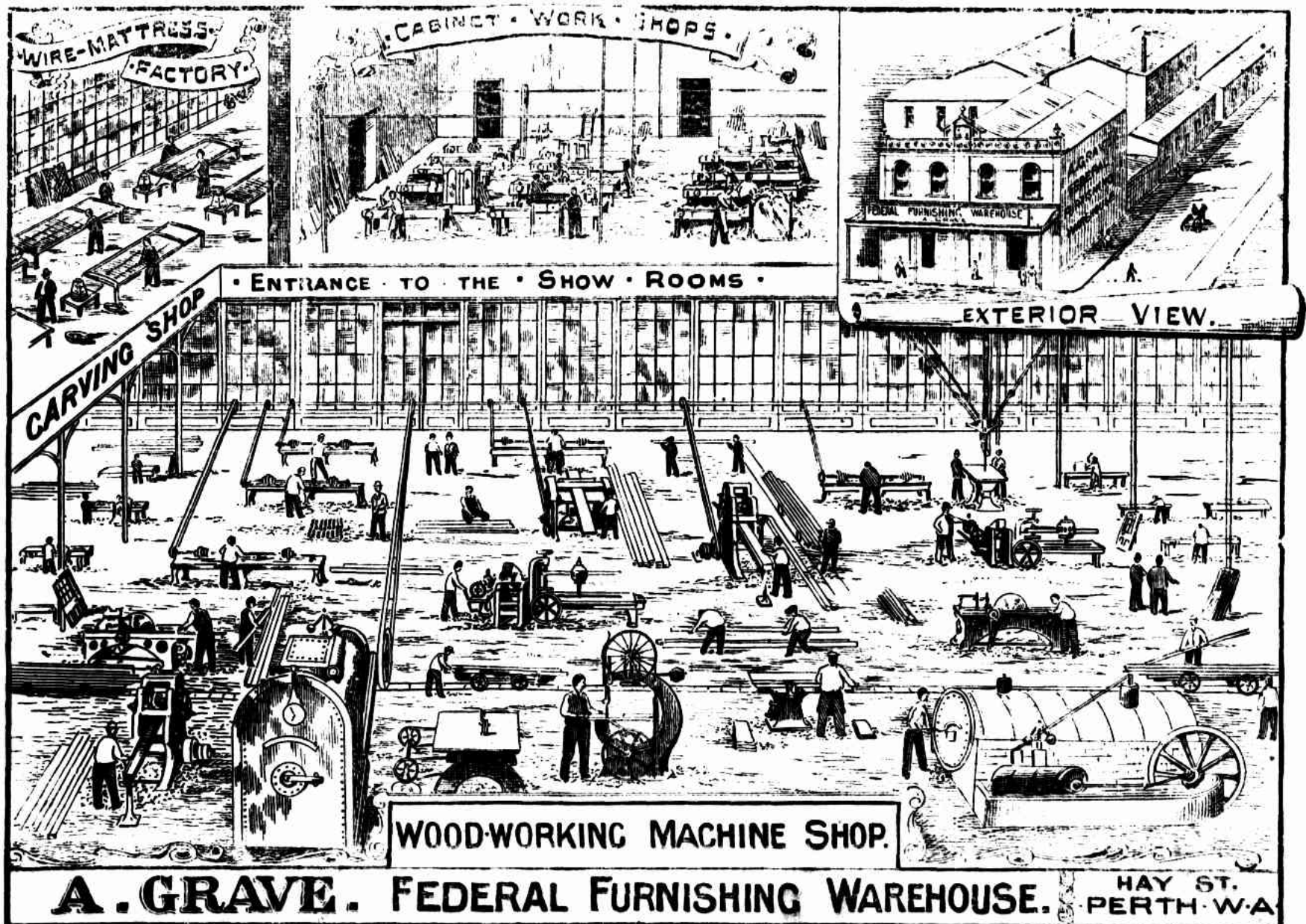
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## OUR STORY.

### SABBATH OF THE HEART.

By JOHN J. A. BROCKET.

WITH throbbing temples and the  
weird sense of consorting with a  
phantom, projected by his own mind, he  
drew near, until at last he paused with  
labored breath and fixed eyes. Oh,  
what a fair ideal Ruth was this! Those  
sweet lips could not have uttered such  
harsh words. The sweet face with its  
clear tints and the slim, rounded figure  
in its vesture of white was a reincarnat-  
ed Ruth, one fit to live in the warm  
afterglow steeped in the breath of  
flowers, the Ruth of his boy's pure  
dream.

And as he gazed at her, with his  
yearning eyes, the vision, as if moved  
by some psychic force in his concen-  
trated glance, slowly turned toward  
him. At the sight of a thick-set man,  
with pale face and glowing eyes, so  
near her she sprang to her feet with a  
movement of fawn-like terror, and a  
low cry of fright broke from her. Then  
she sank back upon the wooden bench,  
her dilated eyes still upon him, and her  
slight figure trembling.

For the flash of a second's thought  
Henderson wondered if the jugglery of  
his excited brain had created a phan-  
tom so vivid that it was destined to a  
logical sequence of phenomena. But  
the terror of the girl was too palpably  
human to leave him in a moment's  
doubt. His big, manly heart felt a  
quick reproach at creating in this lone-  
ly girl an agony of fear. He recovered  
himself by a strong effort, and, taking  
off his hat, said in his sympathetic  
voice:

"Pray pardon this intrusion. Do  
not be alarmed. I can explain every-  
thing if you will calm yourself, and  
permit me to talk with you a little."

She was almost too weak to speak;  
her large, sorrowful eyes hurriedly took  
in every detail of the man before her.  
His dress, manner, appearance, were  
reassuring. He remained motionless,  
with an air of kind consideration which  
she felt. Finally she spoke rather hur-  
riedly:

"You startled me. I was so busy  
with my thoughts that I did not hear  
you, and when I saw some one so near  
I was frightened."

Her voice trembled, though it was  
soft and clear, different from Ruth's  
voice as she differed from Ruth, despite  
such likeness of her.

"You will forgive me for my rude-  
ness when I tell you that I was so  
startled by this whole strange scene  
that I had really lost control of my-  
self," Henderson replied, speaking  
quietly and with a faint smile lighting  
up the gravity of his face. "This spot  
was a most familiar one to me in my  
boyhood. I have not seen it until now  
for twenty years. Nothing has changed,  
except that wonderful field of roses,  
which seems like a fairy touch. I half  
expect it will fade away at any mo-  
ment."

He smiled again, faintly. The color  
came back to her cheek, and though  
she was still breathing quickly, the  
frightened look had died out of her  
eyes, and one of interest had taken its  
place. She said to him with more com-  
mand of voice:

"Yes, that must be a change from  
the bare meadow. I have only been  
here a short time myself. It seems  
that some large manufacturers of per-  
fume bought several acres of this land  
and they have set it all out in roses.  
It is exceedingly practical, you see, al-  
though it does look like a piece of fairy  
luxuriance. We get the full benefit of  
it here. It is very pleasant. The  
wind from the sea blows over it, and I  
am sure the perfume is far nicer than  
any they will ever make from the  
leaves. But is there anything you  
wished to know about the old place?  
Or did you simply want to see it  
again?"

She was now restored to the quiet  
composure evidently natural to her.  
Henderson at once replied:

"I came merely to see the old place.  
I was born here, and lived here till I

was eighteen. Then I left it and have  
not seen it since until this evening.  
I know you must be Ruth Harden's  
daughter. The fact that I find you  
here, and that you are so marvellously  
like her, is proof enough of that. But  
it is something I had not counted on,"  
he said with his gentle gravity, and it  
startled me. I was an old acquaintance  
of your mother's," he added.

The girl had assumed an air of the  
closest attention. When he finished  
speaking she exclaimed impulsively:  
"Is it possible that you are John  
Henderson?"

"Yes," returned Henderson. "You  
have heard you mother speak of  
me?"

"Oh, how strange this is!" she  
cried, with a slight break in her voice.  
She paused, her eyes fixed upon the  
grave face of the man before her.  
Henderson felt as if a sudden moisture  
had sprung to her eyes.

"Sit there," she said after a mo-  
ment, motioning to the wooden bench  
which ran along the other side of the  
narrow porch; "I must tell you some-  
thing, and you will see how wonderful  
this meeting seems."

Then, as Henderson quietly took  
his seat on the bench, still holding his  
hat in his hand, she sat up and, with  
her white hands crossed in her lap,  
went on:

"I do not know if you are aware  
that my mother is dead. It is not  
three months since she died. That  
was out in Montana. My grandfather  
was not pleased with her marriage,  
but before he died, last December, he  
wrote to her and forgave her. He  
left his old place to her. But my poor  
mother was too ill then to come on, and  
she never rallied."

"Shortly before she died," the girl  
went on with a cadence of sadness in  
her voice, "my mother seemed to go  
back to thoughts of this place. She  
told me that when she was a girl she  
had a friend whose value she had not  
known. That friend was you," she  
added, after a slight pause. "Where  
he is now I do not know," my mother  
said. "He may be dead, he may be  
married. But if you ever meet him, if  
he has not changed from the true-heart-  
ed boy I knew, tell him that I learned  
to know him too late, and ask him to  
forgive me for any pain I ever caused  
him. And if you need a friend you  
can trust him."

"Does it not seem strange that I  
should meet you so soon, and on the  
only visit you have ever made to your  
former home? I have been here only a  
week myself. I was taken ill after my  
mother's death, and did not leave there  
until the school where I taught closed  
for the summer vacation. I came here  
then, and this old home and place have  
seemed such a haven of rest. So I  
give you this message from my mother,  
Mr. Henderson. She seemed to think  
that she had pained you. If she did,  
you will forgive her, will you not?  
Poor mother! You would if you knew  
how hard and troubled her life had been.  
And to think that this rest and peace  
should have come to her too late."

She turned her face toward the  
stretching wilderness of roses. Hender-  
son was deeply touched. It was so  
much stranger than she dreamed. He  
had come back to this spot where the  
most momentous epoch of his life had  
been his rejection by the girl Ruth,  
the idol of his boyish dreams, and in  
his somewhat weary manhood found  
here in her daughter the full realiza-  
tion of all that he had falsely pictured  
in the mother.

"There is nothing to forgive," he  
said softly. "But if there is, I forgive  
it from my heart. There was no fault  
anywhere. There was nothing worse  
than a mistake, and there may not have  
been even that. And now I must go  
for I am afraid this has been a strain  
on you. But you will let me come to-  
morrow and see you, will you not? I  
feel as if I knew you well."

"Yes," said the girl simply. "I  
shall be glad to see my mother's friend  
at any time. You are the one—" But  
she checked herself as if her emotion  
threatened to overcome her, and rising,  
extended her hand. He felt her fingers  
close on his with a nervous pressure,  
quick, and full of speech.

And as Henderson walked slowly up  
the old lane in the dusk with the per-  
fume of the roses about him it seemed  
to him as if the stone had been rolled  
from the sepulchre, and that his soul  
was awakening to a Sabbath of the  
heart.

THE END.

## Foreign and Intercolonial Telegrams.

(From the Daily News.)

### FOREIGN

London, February 28.

In political circles, a curious condi-  
tion of affairs exist, owing to the indef-  
initeness of Mr. Gladstone over his  
contemplated resignation. The Pre-  
mier has now authorised his Private  
Secretary to state that the announce-  
ment of his retirement was premature,  
but he modifies his previous state-  
ment that he had no intention of re-  
signing.

The Conservative press are making  
fun over the occurrence, alluding to it  
as another of Mr. Gladstone's character-  
istic evasions.

Meanwhile arrangements are being  
made to ask Lord Rosebery to un-  
dertake the responsibilities of the Prem-  
iership. Her Majesty the Queen and  
the Prince of Wales are said to be  
anxious over the matter and are person-  
ally desirous that Lord Rosebery should  
be Premier.

The Radical papers are asking for  
a dissolution. The majority of the  
Cabinet are said to fear that Lord  
Rosebery, if made Premier, will give  
too much prominence to obscure colon-  
ial matters.

Madame Patey, the celebrated con-  
tralto singer, died suddenly from heart  
disease during a concert at Sheffield last  
night.

A party of Prussian Uhlans, who  
were practising firing at a frontier  
target bearing the Russian Imperial  
arms, incensed a squadron of Russian  
dragoons who were present, and asked  
them to desist. The Uhlans declined,  
and became abusive, when the Rus-  
sians attacked them and drove them back  
a considerable distance into German ter-  
ritory. Many soldiers were killed on  
both sides.

A considerable body of marines,  
under Colonel Corbett, inflicted a  
disastrous defeat up on a large body of  
Arab slaves at the Gambia River,  
yesterday. The fighting lasted several  
hours.

London, March 1.

Mr. Gladstone had a long interview  
with Her Majesty the Queen yesterday.  
He formally intimated to Her Majesty  
that he intended to undergo an opera-  
tion to his eyes, which would involve  
two months' confinement in a dark room.  
Her Majesty expressed the greatest  
sympathy with Mr. Gladstone in his  
misfortune.

No details of the interview have been  
officially supplied, but it is understood  
the Queen favors Lord Rosebery's suc-  
cession to the Premiership, when Mr.  
Gladstone resigns. The Queen's sym-  
pathies are known to be strongly in  
favor of the return of Lord Salisbury  
to power, but the uncertain state of  
Europe renders it undesirable that any  
change in the Ministerial policy should  
take place at present, especially as Home  
Rule is considered to be practically  
shelved.

A number of influential gentlemen,  
representing the naval and military  
authorities of Great Britain, have ad-  
dressed the Government, urging the  
necessity which exists for some vigor-  
ous plan of operations in the interests  
of national defence. The appoint-  
ment of one Minister with the Secretar-  
ies for War and for the Admiralty as  
a board is strongly urged. The Gov-  
ernment is said to approve of the  
proposals.

The Italian Premier, Signor Crispi,  
has made a sensational statement  
concerning the state of Italy. He



says the Anarchist societies, combined with the labor organisations in Italy, numbering in all 300,000 persons, have planned a general uprising during the present month. Believing that war was certain to break out in Europe, it was intended to seize Sicily, and hand that province over to Russia. Signor Crispi added that there was a feeling of great insecurity abroad. Italy had no funds available to organise a defence, and was now entirely dependent on Great Britain.

The Queen and the Royal Family were present when Madame Patey's death occurred at Sheffield. Madame Patey had just finished her song, which was greeted with immense applause, when she staggered forward, fainted and fell. She was removed, and died shortly afterwards.

A syndicate of foreigners, after great difficulties, the result of popular Chinese prejudice, obtained leave to open several collieries in the province of Shangtung. An explosion of firedamp has now occurred in one of the mines, killing 500 persons. The populace are furious with the Mandarins, and serious trouble is anticipated.

London, March 2.

The House of Commons by a seven-eighths majority have accepted the amendments made by the House of Lords in the Parish Councils Bill. Mr. Gladstone admitted that the amendments will practically nullify the bill, but it was the best course to accept them, and throw the responsibility of the position on to the House of Lords. He hoped that at an early date the Government would be able to obtain the decision of the nation on the harassing conduct of the Upper Chamber.

Mr. Gladstone also referred to the Home Bill, and asked members to pledge the House to its re-introduction next session.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* states that Mr. Gladstone will tender his resignation at his audience with the Queen on Saturday. Parliament will not be dissolved, and Gladstone will retain his seat in the Commons, and support the Government whenever possible.

Mr. Balfour replied to the Premier's speech on behalf of the Opposition. He said the Conservatives regarded Mr. Gladstone's attack on the Constitution with equanimity, and were prepared to face the verdict of the nation immediately. This statement was received with cheers and counter cheers.

Lord Randolph Churchill declared the attempt to coerce the Lords must prove futile, as the nation fully recognises the great services rendered by the Peers at various periods in the history of the Empire.

The *Times* state that Mr. Gladstone positively stated to a few friends, prior to his departure for Biarritz, that he intended to resign the Premiership at the end of the session, and also intimated the same to the Queen last Wednesday.

The *Daily News*, the Government Organ, now officially states Mr. Gladstone's intention of resigning, and that he will be succeeded by Lord Roseberry.

It is understood that Mr. Gladstone's resignation will formally come before the Cabinet on Saturday.

Sixty Liberal members have threatened to leave the party unless the new Premier be chosen from the members of the House of Commons.

Mr. Reid the Victorian Minister for Defence, is negotiating with the Steamship Companies for lower freights on all consignments of Australian butter. His overtures have been favorably received, and he hopes to obtain a considerable concession.

It has transpired that large quantities of Australian butter have been sent through Cork to England, and there sold as the best Irish butter.

The slave traders of the Gambia River have collected a force of 3,000 armed men. The British forces are advancing, and a decisive engagement is expected shortly.

Dr. Harmsworth, a prominent member of the Geographical Society of Great Britain, is fitting out an expedition for the exploration of the North Pole.

The newly-built torpedo catcher, the *Hornet*, has made a successful trial trip. The speed was extraordinary, and reached 28 knots per hour.

The Indian Government propose levying an all-round import duty of 5 per cent. on all fabrics excepting cotton.

#### INTER-COLONIAL.

##### NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney, March 1.

Yesterday morning about four o'clock, a burglary was attempted at the house of Mr. O'Connor, a well-known horse trainer, at Kogarah. The thieves got away, but two of them were arrested subsequently.

The Government Statistician, Mr. Coghlan, says that the population of Western Australia increased last year by nearly 11 per cent.; that of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania by about 1 per cent. each; while New Zealand shows an increase of 3 per cent.

A stockbroker, named Joseph Palmer, filed his schedule yesterday, owing to losses by land speculation.

Sydney, March 2.

Numerous petitions are being presented to the Assembly against the influx of Asiatics to the colony.

A third man has been arrested in connection with the recent Kogarah burglary.

Sydney, March 3.

The burglary boom continues, several sensational encounters with the police having taken place during the past few days.

Yesterday a decree *nisi* was granted in the matter of the divorce suit of Joseph Clarkson *versus* his wife, on the grounds of the respondent's adultery with Mr. George Black, M.L.A. The co-respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the suit.

#### VICTORIA.

Melbourne, March 1.

In further pursuing its retrenchment policy the Government have reduced the salaries of 150 women teachers. The Education Department is now engaged in weeding out all over a certain age, and especially married women. The ultimate intention is virtually to abolish free education, without introducing a special Act, by closing schools wherever it is possible to do so.

A deputation formed of tradesmen and others waited upon the Minister of Railways yesterday, to ask what protection the Government would afford storekeepers who trusted Government servants and who go insolvent directly they are retrenched. The Minister replied that he could do nothing in the matter referred to.

The distress among the retrenched families is reaching terrible dimensions, and the outlook is hopeless.

At Williamstown, last night, a meteor dashed through the roof of a house and buried itself in the floor which was formed of asphalt.

John West, the convict who recently attempted to commit suicide in order to escape the lash, died in Pentridge last night.

Melbourne, March 2.

The tramway receipts continue to show a falling off, while with the railway traffic absolute stagnation prevails.

Melbourne, March 3.

Yesterday a shop in Bendigo was partially destroyed by the explosion of a

seven-pound canister of powder. No one was injured. The loss was covered by insurance.

Mr. Hayter, the Government Statist, estimates that the population of Victoria has decreased by over forty-six thousand since April, 1891.

Two men William Pearce and Arthur William were working in the shoot of mine at Bendigo, yesterday, when the roof fell in, owing to which Williams was killed. Pearce was rescued, uninjured, after having been buried for upwards of two hours.

The examination of Sir Mathew Davies, in the Mercantile Bank case is now proceeding. In his evidence, yesterday, Sir Mathew stated he believed that the cash appearing in the balance sheet was not borrowed for balancing purposes, but with a view to adding to the reserve account, despite the fact of a financial panic having prevailed at the time the loan was obtained.

Frederick Thomas, who was recently charged with embezzling over £12,000 from his employers, Messrs. Lorimer, Rome & Co., was committed for trial yesterday.

In the Supreme Court yesterday Mr. Williamson applied to the Chief Justice to restrain his wife, Miss Maggie Moore, the celebrated actress, from advertising herself in the play of 'Struck Oil,' of which piece she holds the copyright. The application was refused, but a summons will be granted on Monday, calling upon her to show cause why the motion should not be further proceeded with.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide, March 1.

The R. M. S. *Massilia* arrived yesterday, and was placed in quarantine owing to an outbreak of small-pox. One of the sailors afflicted with the disease has been removed to Torrens Island.

Yesterday morning one of the representatives of the Bible Christian Conference suddenly lost the power of speech. The other members thought he was joking, but it subsequently transpired that he could only write his thoughts. He was then removed to his home, whereupon medical aid was called in. He has not yet recovered his speech.

#### TASMANIA.

Hobart, March 1.

The young man Normoyle, who recently shot dead a letter-carrier, who it was proved in evidence was immorally familiar with his (Normoyle's) wife, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment. As it was expected that only a nominal punishment would be inflicted, the Executive will be petitioned for Normoyle's release.

#### General Cleanings.

##### The European Situation.

Writing about the present European situation the *Spectator* says:—The Courts and the great financiers, it is said, are far less confident than they were that the Great War can be avoided for many years, or even for another twelvemonth. The German Court in particular, with its habitual disposition towards precaution, is believed to be silently adding all the gold it can easily obtain to the reserve treasure always kept in 'the War Chest' so as to be well provided when the first explosion occurs, and before it can arrange with the great financing houses. That statement, if it is true—and it seems to be the only explanation of the Berlin gold market—points to a definite apprehension on the part of the Emperor and the German staff that the War may come and break out any day. The Italian Court is again uneasy, and the

statesmen are willing to attribute to France designs of fostering a republican movement in Sicily, and in the old Neapolitan Kingdom.—Our Liberal Unionist contemporary furthermore points out that there is alarm, too, in France itself indicated by the furious onslaught now being made on the naval authorities for neglecting coast defence and coaling stations, and, also, we are told, but do not know, by some remarkable precautions recently taken against attack from the Belgian side. Moreover, without accepting alarmist statements in their entirety, it is difficult to doubt that France is concentrating force in the Mediterranean and is offering temptations to Spain to join the Franco-Russian alliance against its rival. Lastly, there is clearly alarm in Vienna as to the possible consequences of the situation in Serbia, where an explosion is possible any day, and might place Russia and Austria in distinctly hostile relations. The great financiers, too, are letting most securities down as they do when they foresee trouble, and as discounting the severity of the fall, while the rise of Consols may be in part due to the large Continental investments which always precede and accompany a period of Continental disturbance.

#### The Effects of Opium.

A correspondent writes:—Surgeon-General Sir William Moore, Sir George Birdwood, and others have repeatedly called upon the anti-opiumists to produce before the Royal Commission on Opium, cases of "opium wrecks, horrible destruction of God's image, more terrible than delirium tremens, lunacy or idiocy," &c.; but hitherto they have produced no such cases. I trust it will not be too late for them to do so when the Commission arrives in Bombay next week. It would be a very important piece of evidence, if Messrs. Dyer, Horns, and Prautch were also to bring forward cases of persons who may have "sold their wives and daughters in order to be able to purchase more of the deadly weapon." It would not be out of place to state that I have been anxious to find out the number of persons emaciated through the use of opium, but as yet have not come across men who look anything like the pictures one usually sees in anti-opium brochures. No doubt there are a few men withered and health-broken, but inquiries have shown that abuse and not the use of the drug is the cause of the emaciation. Whenever I have had an opportunity of talking on the opium question with an anti-opiumist I invariably ask him to show me living instances of "opium wrecks" or of wealthy men turned beggars through the use of opium; but I was always naively told that such men and even their relations were dead!

#### Romewards.

The fact that no less than fifteen clergymen of the Church of England have recently been received into the Catholic Church goes to show that thoughtful men in the Anglican ministry are more and more coming to perceive and recognise that the Established Church is literally a city of confusion, in which contradictory doctrines are taught, and conflicting creeds tolerated, in order to stave off as long as possible the inevitable burst-up. A number of eminent lay people have also, it is reported, been admitted into the true fold within the last few weeks. Amongst them are Miss Braddon, the most eminent and popular lady novelist of the day; Mr. F. Anstey, one of the most gifted writers and original humorists of the century; and Mr. Fisher Unwin, one of the best-known and most enterprising of London publishers. It is he who is giving the volumes of the new "Library of Ireland" to the world. A further testimony to the marvellous spread of the faith in England is furnished by the Anglican Archbishop of York, who, in his new Year's address, acknowledged that what he called "Romanism" was making enormous strides in England;



that the Catholic priests, Catholic Churches, and Catholic institutions were being multiplied all over the country, and that never before in the history of the English nation was "Rome so active and aggressive in our midst." The Archbishop wants the Church of England to rally and pull itself together in the presence of this great danger; but as the various sects that make up the Church of England are denouncing and snarling at each other as usual, they will hardly be able to find the time—even if they had the inclination—to follow the Archbishop's advice.

### Something for the Progressive League.

#### THE LABOUR PARTY AND THE SECULAR PLANK IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Education Question.—A letter from the Bishop of Wilcannia to the *Barrier Miner*, stating, in effect, that if the Labor party of New South Wales adopted as a plank in their platform free, compulsory, and secular education, the matter must be made by Catholic voters a test question, has led to an explanation by the newspaper referred to of the state of the case. Our contemporary writes as follows:—"His Lordship will, we are sure, be exceedingly glad to know that 'secular, free, and compulsory education' is not a plank in the platform of the Labor party—that it is not now and never has been. 'The element of disunion' has been carefully shut out in the endeavor to politically organize 'the ranks of labor.'" "His Lordship," adds the *Miner*, "will be further gratified to learn that on this very question of education the labor party's platform has been lately broadened. In this way: That formerly members were pledged to support 'free and compulsory and technical education'—whereas now the labor platform makes no mention whatever of the education question. It is left an entirely open question." Our contemporary concludes as follows:—"Upon certain matters the Labor party has agreed; and it is comforting to know that in the main those things have been conceived in that broad spirit which has animated many of the leaders of the Church of which Dr. Dunne is the distinguished local head. As to other matters, the party has an open mind; and while it is accomplishing what it has in hand, it will, we are sure, animated by a deep sense of justice and right, give, in common with the members of other political parties, the most respectful consideration to the views which Dr. Dunne and his brother bishops express."

#### Water Supply at Yilgarn.

We are pleased to note that the Government has decided to encourage private enterprise in the supplying of water on the route from Southern Cross to Coolgardie.

The following telegram was sent to the Warden at Southern Cross by the Premier, last Friday:—

Warden, Southern Cross.—"The Government, in order to encourage the immediate erection of condensers between Southern Cross and Coolgardie by private enterprise, desire that you should issue the following notice at once:—'Any person sinking a shaft or well and erecting a condenser for distilling salt water on the road between Southern Cross and Coolgardie will be protected by the Government for twelve months from date of starting to work; and such person or persons will be permitted for the purpose of such works to occupy during the currency of such period of protection (a) for condensers capable of yielding 250 gallons of fresh water per day, one acre; (b) for condensers capable of yielding 1,000 gallons of fresh water per day, five acres, provided that not more than 2s. (two shillings) per gallon be charged for any such water produced by any such condenser, and that no area shall have length greater than three times its width.'"

JOHN FORREST, Premier.

#### PERTH C.Y.M. SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the above society was held on Thursday the 1st March. The President occupied the chair and there was a large attendance of members. The special business to be dealt with was the Election of a committee man and the consideration of a motion by Mr. John Kelly dealing with the debt due upon the Society's Plans. Mr. Barry was unanimously elected to fill the vacant seat on the committee.

Mr. Kelly then moved "That, having regard to the large debt still due upon the Plans and the difficulty experienced in raising funds, it is deemed expedient to adopt the system of obtaining monthly subscriptions from members and non-members to be applied towards the liquidation of such debt." He pointed out that the society was severely handicapped, and its efforts to advance materially retarded by the heavy liability at present overhanging it which all their efforts for the past two years had, from various causes, failed to substantially reduce. Upon the principle that "diseases desperate grown, by desperate appliances are relieved," he urged that the magnitude of the debt, combined with the comparatively weak state of the society, justified the adoption of the exceptional course he proposed. Though the motion mentioned non-members he wished it to be understood that nothing approaching a general canvass was intended. He felt sure however that they had many well wishers outside who would willingly lend them a helping-hand and who would moreover recognise that the possession of a piano by the society would be a distinct convenience in the event of Catholic entertainments being held hereafter. Mr. Kelly concluded a forcible appeal with the hope that their combined efforts would ultimately remove the obstruction caused by this formidable debt and leave the society free to resume its progressive march which had been so long impeded. The resolution was unanimously agreed to and a strong committee appointed to give it effect.

Mr. John Kays opened a Debate on Local Option. His speech was mainly directed to establishing the fact that the liquor traffic was an unmixed evil, the principal source of poverty misery and crime, and required stamping out. He graphically described the baneful ravages of alcohol upon the human race and submitted it was only reasonable that the residents of a locality should have the option of forbidding the establishment in their midst of houses for the sale of liquors which had proved so noxious. He argued against compensation on the ground that the publican knew perfectly well that his trade was considered barely legitimate as evidenced by the numberless restrictions with which the law surrounded it, and that he carried it on at his own risk and for a certain fixed period—the license being only granted for twelve months and no longer. Mr. Kays evinced a complete knowledge of his subject and his speech called forth the warm applause of the members. Messrs. Kelly, Corbett and Hancock also addressed the meeting. The Debate was then adjourned for a week and the meeting closed.

#### GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD.

APPOINTMENTS.—G. E. Innes, to be Pupil Teacher at the Fremantle Boy's School, vice Crogan, resigned. A. Harvey to be, provisionally, Master of Canning Mills School, vice Edwards, resigned. L. MacNeil to be provisionally, Mistress of Coogee provisional School. Blanche Haughton to be Pupil Teacher at the Perth Girl's School. Amelia Molloy to be, provisionally, Mistress of Medalla School, vice Barton, resigned. H. Briggs, to be Returning Officer for the Electoral District of North Fremantle, vice L. W. Clifton, resigned. H. Egerton-War-

burton, and P. H. Nicolson, to be justices of the peace for this colony. G. Gordon, to be a member of the Roebourne District Board of Education, vice F. Pearce, Resigned. Mrs. Wallace, to act temporarily as assistant district registrar of births, deaths, and marriages for the Melbourne Registry District; to reside at Yatheroo. P. L. Gibbons to act temporarily as assistant district registrar of births, deaths, and marriages for the Northern Registry District; to reside at Marble Bar. J. W. Watkin, solicitor, London, England, an affidavit commissioner of the Supreme Court.

SCAB DISTRICT.—His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council has amended the boundaries of the Central Scab District by including that portion of country bounded by lines starting from a spot situate 1850 chains due east from Elizabeth Spring and extending north 1975 chains, east 1460 chains, south 1050 chains, east 260 chains, south 920 chains, and west 1720 chains to the starting point.

ROADS BOARD ELECTIONS.—Kataning: Chairman—F. H. Piesse. Members—W. Andrews, M. Cronin, G. E. H. House. Kimberley: Members—G. Buchanan, H. Berand, L. Stepheny. Broome Hill: Chairman—W. H. Graham. Members—J. F. T. Hassell, P. Carrity, senr., J. Nelson, senr. Murray: Chairman: A. Birch. Members—T. F. H. Fawcett, G. P. Paterson, J. Adam. Williams: Chairman: G. S. Cowcher. Members—H. E. Gull, J. C. Rossellot, W. Cornwall, junr. Canning: Chairman—F. J. Shaw. Members—J. Wiedenbach, J. Marsh. Roebourne: Chairman—J. G. Meares. Members—A. U. Gillam (re-elected), H. Breadhurst, W. H. Cusack.

TENDER ACCEPTED FOR 1894.—Shoeing Police horses, Geraldton, E. Foster; new shoes at 5s. per set, removes at 2s. 6d. per set.

PUBLIC RESERVES.—Swan: No. 2,290 (40a), for quarantine Bandawadra (near Cue): Nos. 2,463 and 2,464 (each 1r.), 2,465, 2,466, and 2,467 (each 2r.), for public utility. Hervey Agricultural Area: No. 2,468 (40a), for public utility. Albany: No. 2,469 (163a), for defence. Meckering Agricultural Area: No. 2,470 (311a), for a townsite. Nannine: No. 1,471 (2r.) for a site for a Wesleyan Church. Cue: No. 2,472 (1a), for a site for a Wesleyan church and manse. Coolgardie: No. 2,473 (2r.), for a site for a Roman Catholic church, school and presbytery. Marble Bar: No. 2,474 (2r.), for a Church of England church site.

DESIGNS AND TRADE MARKS ACT, 1884.—J. Hignett, trading as Hignett Brothers & Co., of 66 Whitecapel, Liverpool, England, tobacco and snuff manufacturer, has applied to register three trade marks in respect of tobacco, whether manufactured or unmanufactured.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1892.—Receiving Order: Re Joseph Rogers, auctioneer, Perth: 24th February, on debtor's petition. Public Examination: Re J. Rogers: 2nd April, 10-30 a.m. First Meeting: Re J. Rogers: 2nd April, 3 p.m. Notice of Composition: Re Annie Grave: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and final instalments, 5s. in the £, payable 12th inst. Notice of Dividend: Re C. Outbush: 1st and final, 2s. 3d. in the £, payable 9th inst.

#### THE ELECTIONS.

We are indebted to the *West Australian* for the following list of those who are likely to seek the suffrages of the electors at the next General Elections.

##### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PROVINCE.	CANDIDATES.
Metropolitan (Perth)	Sir G. Shenton
Three members.	S. H. Parker, Q.C.
	W. Nicholson
	F. T. Crowder
West.	D. K. Congdon
(Fremantle).	W. S. Pearce
Three members.	W. F. Samson
	A. B. Kidson

North.	Three members.	
De Gray		E. W. Hardey
Pilbarra		
Ashburton		
Roebourne		
The Kimberleys		
Central.	Three members.	
Gascoyne		E. T. Hooley
Murchison		
Nannine		
Geraldton		
Greenough		E. E. Bush
Irwin		
East.	Three members.	
Moore		J. G. H. Amherst
Swan		
Toodyay		
Northam		
York		E. Hamersley
Beverley		J. Morrison
Yilgarn		
South-West.	Three members.	
Murray		J. W. Hackett
Wellington		
Bunbury		
Nelson and Sussex		
		H. Anstey
		Dr. Harvey
		Capt. Fawcett
South-East.	Three members.	
Williams		J. A. Wright
Plantagenet		
Albany		
		J. F. T. Hassell
		J. McKennie

#### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Those with an asterisk (\*) denote the present holders of seats.

DISTRICT.	CANDIDATES.
Albany ...	F. E. Dymes
	W. F. Foster
Ashburton ...	Sept Burt, Q.C.*
	H. Higham
Beverley ...	Charles Harper*
Bunbury ...	Sir John Forrest*
DeGrey ...	A. E. Richardson*
	W. E. Marmion*
Fremantle ...	A. J. Diamond
	E. Solomon*
Fremantle, South...	J. E. Doonan
	W. E. Wray
	M. L. Moss
Fremantle, North...	D. K. Cogdon
	E. J. Wiltshire
	G. Chitty Baker
Gascoyne ...	E. F. Sholl*
	G. T. Simpson*
Geraldton ...	Dr. Laffan
	W. Traylen*
Greenough...	M. Logue
	P. Stone
Irwin ...	S. J. Phillips*
Kimberley, East ...	F. Connor*
Kimberley, West...	A. Forrest*
Moore ...	H. B. Lefroy*
Murchison ...	E. F. Darlot*
Murray ...	W. Paterson*
Nelson ...	Sir J. Lee-Steers*
	A. Knox Brown
Northam ...	G. Throssell*
	F. Illingworth
	A. Livingstone
	L. Darlot
Nannine ...	A. D. Edwards
	C. Chappel
	E. G. Henty
Perth ...	T. G. Molloy*
	G. Randell
Perth, East ...	M. F. A. Canning*
	Walter James
	H. McKernan
Perth, West ...	T. Quinlan*
	R. S. Haynes.
Pilbarra ...	B. C. Wood
Plantagenet ...	A. Y. Hassell*
Roebourne ...	H. Sholl*
Sussex ...	J. Cookworthy*
	J. C. Foulkes
Swan ...	W. T. Loton*
Toodyay ...	B. D. Clarkson*
Wellington ...	H. W. Venn*
	John Marshall
Williams ...	F. H. Piesse*
	Wesley Maley
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**TOODYAY ROADS BOARD.**

**Closure Of Part Of Road.**

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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- 1.—Flesh meat may be used at the principal meal on Mondays, (except Monday in Holy week); Also, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, (except Saturday in Ember week). On Sundays flesh meat may be used at all meals.
- 2.—Eggs, cheese, milk and butter are allowed at the one principal meal on all days, except Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3.—On fasting days a collation is allowed in the morning and evening at which, except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, a little milk and butter may be used.
- 4.—Fish and flesh meat cannot be used at the same meal during Lent
- 5.—In place of butter, the use of lard and dripping is permitted, except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 6.—Persons under 21, or in delicate health, or engaged in laborious work are exempt from the laws of fasting.
- 7.—The clergy are authorised to grant a dispensation in particular cases when there is a just cause for granting it.

**✠ MATHEW GIBNEY,**  
Bishop of Perth.

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We have received the following subscriptions during the week:—  
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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1894.

"GLADSTONE has resigned." In this brief message is conveyed the most thrilling news that for years has been flashed over the electric wires. The "old man eloquent" remains in the House of Commons, but no longer as its leader. With a dignity and courage characteristic of him he has decided upon his course. While his powers, though failing, are still brilliant, after a most trying session during which he gave repeated proof that his intellect remains as strong and his fine eloquence as convincing as ever, he calmly puts away the cares of office, now become too heavy for his diminished physical strength. This is a fitting end to a glorious career, and those who love him would not have it otherwise. It would be a sad spectacle, and one utterly unworthy of Mr. Gladstone, to see him clinging to place and power, tottering feebly under burdens which once he bore with the ease of a giant, while his enemies joyfully noted each fresh evidence of that approaching collapse on which more than once they have not blushed to base callous calculations of their own prospects of success. But from him his friends had never reason to fear such humiliation, for that loftiness of motive and entire unselfishness which have made him the Sir Galahad of politics, remain with him to the end. With quiet decision he relinquishes honours which the proudest might ambition, not waiting until they fall from a senile grasp. Freely and gracefully he steps from the most conspicuous stage in the world into comparative obscurity. For the future he must be content to play the part of a Nestor to his party, giving them the advantage of the ripe experience gained during more than half a century of public life. Into the arena of debate it is not likely that he will often again venture. It becomes his lot to watch as a spectator those exciting intellectual combats in which he once figured as a champion of unequalled prowess. Viewed in all its circumstances, the act of renunciation which he has just made is one of unusual moral grandeur. One regrettable consequence of it is that it withdraws from the public gaze a supremely interesting figure. Gladstone enjoys a distinction beyond dispute. None who claim to keep pace with the progress of the day can pretend to be indifferent to him. For generations past, admiration

of him or dislike for him has divided the whole English speaking world into distinct camps, while all civilized nations have followed his movements with intense interest.

A severe political struggle is impending in England. The treatment meted out to the Home Rule Bill, and still more recently to the Parish Councils Bill by the House of Lords has taught the people the danger and folly of allowing any body of men to inherit the right to make laws just as they inherit their broad acres and ancestral castles. The English Upper House must be remodelled, but the task must be accomplished by younger hands than those of Gladstone. Yet it must be remembered that the work of reform was initiated by him, as by his sage advice it may be helped to a speedy and triumphant issue.

**Local and General**

**NEW PAPER.**—The printing plant for the "Coolgardie Miner" arrived at Coolgardie on Thursday last. We anxiously wait for the first copy. Such pluck deserves success.

**WATER RIGHT.**—Mr. Finnelly the warden at Coolgardie has granted a provisional water right to Messrs Carr and Lindsay, who have discovered a brackish soak sixteen miles from Kurnalpi.

**SUICIDE.**—From Mount Broome comes the news that a miner named McPhail committed suicide, on Sunday the 25th ult., by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. The deceased had been in ill-health for some months past, and it is supposed that he committed the rash act while in a state of melancholy.

**STATION AT EAST NORTHAM.**—A deputation waited on the Minister of Public Works on his visit to Northam last Wednesday, urging the necessity for a railway station at East Northam. Mr. Venn in reply said that the Government intended to improve the present station, and also to provide the required railway facilities at East Northam.

**COOLGARDIE.**—News reaches us from Coolgardie that provisions are getting very scarce. Teams are unloading halfway from the Cross and have to return, being unable to get through for want of water. A famine is anticipated. Yet in the face of this at least 500 men are reported to be on their way to the fields.

**PICNIC.**—The employees of the Locomotive Department held their annual picnic at Bayswater on Saturday last. The committee who had worked very energetically to make the outing a success can certainly congratulate themselves. Every one appeared to thoroughly enjoy the trip. Several Members of the Ministry and Mr. P. indulged in a little mild speechifying, and every thing went off without a hitch of any kind.

**VISIT OF SIR HENRY PARKES.**—Sir Henry Parkes, the great "I am" of New South Wales, is on his way to visit this colony and will during his stay be the guest of Sir John Forrest. There is talk of spending some of the peoples' money in giving him a banquet, but this may be only a rumour. There are some here who would strongly object to feasting such men as Sir Henry Parkes out of the public purse.

**DIPHTHERIA.**—A sad case of death from diphtheria is reported from the vicinity of Howick and Hill-streets, the victim being a little girl aged three years the daughter of constable Street. The mother and a little brother, it is feared, are suffering from the same fell disease. It will be remembered that it was in this locality that Mr. W. J. Sanderson died a short time back from diphtheria. The Health Authorities are taking all precautions to prevent the spread of the disease.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—From Coolgardie we hear that on Monday last week the body of a man named John Raeside, was found on an unoccupied block on the goldfield, with a bullet wound in his skull and a dislocated ankle. At the inquest held by the warden, the Doctors gave it as their opinion that the deceased must have slipped and dislocated his ankle, at the same time striking his revolver in such a way as to make it go off. Death must have been instantaneous. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.



**THUNDERSTORM:**—A terrific thunderstorm broke over New Norcia on Monday last. One inch and 40 points of rain fell in twenty minutes. Beyond a few buildings damaged, no serious consequences are reported.

**OUR TELEGRAPH LINES:**—We notice that another break in the Intercolonial Line occurred on the South Australian side, on Monday night, causing a lot of messages to accumulate at both ends. It is about time something was done to insure us against these continual delays and annoyances.

**MEETING OF SECULARISTS:**—A meeting of those opposed to the present system of education, was held at Mr. Byass' on Monday last. Mr. George Randell, M.L.C., was in the chair. After lengthy discussion the following resolution was carried, "That the time has arrived when a League should be established, having for its object the abolition of State aid to other than State schools." The following gentlemen were then appointed as a committee to take the necessary steps towards furthering the wishes of the meeting:—The Revs. D. Ross, and E. T. Dunstan, and Messrs. Nicholson, Langsford, Vervard and Byass.

**A DANGEROUS PERSON.**—On Sunday night last the dwelling house of Mr. A. L. Gibbs, at the Canning, was set fire to by a man who was apparently not accountable for his actions. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs with their little girl aged two years escaped, clad only in their night-dresses, to some neighbours about two miles distant. Mr. Gibbs in company with his neighbours Messrs Wallace and Morttram returned to the scene the next morning when they saw the man, who gives his name as Frank Battersman, sitting on log wrapped in a blanket near the ashes of the house which had been completely destroyed. When asked why he had done it, he said he had a chill and wanted to warm himself. He was handed over to the police and will be brought up before the Guildford bench next Tuesday. Mr. Gibbs' loss is estimated at over £400.

#### FLOTSAM and JETSAM.

Mr. Gladstone has resigned.

Lord Roseberry appointed Prime Minister of England.

The Parnellites and Liberals are indignant, and accuse the G.O.M. of being a traitor.

The Governesses to the King of Spain and the young Queen of Holland are Irishwomen.

The British people are at length being roused by the action of "Tory fools" in the House of Lords.

Says the Sydney Bulletin:—"Quite a lot of the salt of the earth are making tracks for Coolgardie. Also the salters."

Victorian wheat harvest estimated at 14,000,000 bushels. Home consumption, will absorb 8,000,000, leaving a surplus of 6,000,000 bushels.

By the unwritten law of Paraguay each native is permitted to enclose and settle on two acres, and to have the right of running his cattle on the plains.

Minister of the interior Lopez proclaimed the "New Australia" colony amidst the smoke of a volley from the soldiers and cheers from the pioneers.

Another expedition to the North Pole will shortly be despatched. It is to be under the command of Mr. F. G. Jackson, F.R.G.S., a well-known Arctic explorer.

A fine of £28,000 has been inflicted on the great American Iron king (Mr. Carnegie) for supplying the United States navy with defective armour-plating.

Mr. M. Brown, the Government Resident has obtained a two month's leave of absence, and, we understand, purposes visiting the goldfields. In the meantime his *locum tenens* will be Dr. Elliott.

Bushfires are to be seen raging in the country every day, and it is said that a much larger area of the bush has been burnt this year than at any previous time since the settlement of these districts.

Says a Sydney paper "Burns Philip Coy., in conjunction with Howard Smith and Sons; have established a weekly steam service between Sydney and Westralia right up to Geraldton.

The rate of cartage to Cue has now gone up to £21 per ton, and, for the present, few teams are to be had even at that price. The immense quantity of machinery arriving for the fields is the cause.

The Latest Move.—Political meetings in churches on Sunday afternoons. Pro-

nounced atheists delivering essays, and young men debating on chastity, are amongst the novelties introduced.

#### POLITICAL ITEMS.

The rolls for the York District show a list of 489 being an increase over last year of 139.

From Albany we learn that the list for the Upper House which includes the Plantagenet and Williams Districts amounts to 600. For the Lower House the members are as follows: Albany 657 (increase 327) Plantagenet 372 (increase 239) Williams 350 (increase 225).

The Geraldton "Express" says:—"Who will have the courage to oppose Mr. B. C. Wood for Pilbarra? Wood is a strong Forrest supporter, and, presumably, one who looks upon "property" as a god. We want as few legislators as possible of that kidney in the new Parliament."

Mr. Chitty Baker held a very successful meeting at the Quarry, North Fremantle, last Thursday evening. The president of the Trades and Labour Council took the chair. The object of the meeting being to afford Mr. Baker an opportunity to refute certain malicious reports that had been circulated against him. He was well received, and at the close of his speech a vote of confidence was unanimously accorded him.

In the returns received from the recent New Zealand election, taken under the extended franchise to women, we read, that of 28,294 women on the roll in the chief cities (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin), 23,724 voted! In New Plymouth, 1,289 women voted out of 1,465 enrolled; and in Wanganui, 1,454 out of 1,660; Wellington suburbs, 1,622 out of 1,860. And so it was all round. "Do women want the franchise?" It seems so.

#### THE EDUCATION QUESTION.

The following letters, dealing with the above question, we copy from the columns of the *West Australian*:—

SIR,—Notwithstanding that Mr. Gray's letter in yesterday's issue is marked by a needless tone of asperity, those who think with me on the education question have some reason to be thankful for its appearance. There are certain features of the agitation in favour of secular education, got up by a small portion of the Progressive League, well worthy of notice, and to these it affords a welcome opportunity of directing attention. At the outset, I hope I may be allowed to say without offence, I do not recognise in Mr. Gray any authority to speak for the League. Never having been appointed spokesman for that body, he can only claim for his utterances such weight as is given to the words of a irresponsible individual. His letter contains two statements with which I am specially concerned. (1.) He says: "We, 'the small knot of men,' are asking for 'national' as well as secular, compulsory, and free education." If the words "we are asking for 'national' education" are not a mere quibble—if they are to be taken as characterising the demand put forth from the beginning of the agitation—then I am unwillingly compelled to meet them with a flat contradiction. Pace Mr. Gray, the League has not been asking for "national" education. Mr. Gray himself, in the letter under discussion, is the first member of the League from whom the term has been heard in public and by the necessities of the case he speaks as a private individual. Though it may seem cruel to Mr. Gray, who has all the breezy inaccuracy of the typical secularist, I must hold him to the facts. The fullest reports of the Progressive League are to be found in the columns of the *West Australian*. These reports of the League's discussion of the Education question—from the time when "Mr. Titus Lander moved, as an amendment, that the next plank be free, secular and compulsory education," up to the present—I have read and re-read without once meeting the word "national." The word, in fact, was never used. Incidentally I discovered during my investigations that the speaker, in favour of secularism, on these occasions, were always the

same men, and so few in number that they might be counted on the fingers of one hand. It is somewhat funny to read Mr. Gray's assurance that he and his fellows "know what they are asking for"—implying a certainty in their own minds that they have been asking for a "national" system of education—when it can be proved to demonstration that they have never yet put forth any demand of the kind. He betrays a similiar confusion of ideas when he compliments the *West Australian* on having fairly represented the meaning of the secularist section of the League. Were Mr. Stead, the faded editor of the *Review of Reviews*, here, he might be led to enquire by what process of telepathy the members of the League communicated to the *West Australian* a meaning to which they had never given expression in words. More practical Australians will prefer to believe that the *West Australian* taught the League the term "national education," and its meaning, and found them at first very slow of apprehension. (2.) Mr. Gray says:—"The Perth branch at a meeting decided by a large majority that one of the planks of their platform should be national, secular, compulsory, and free education." This, again, is incorrect. "National" education the League has so far serenely ignored. Further, the adoption of the "free, secular, and compulsory education" plank was not decided upon by a very large majority of the Perth branch. The whole number who voted on the motion amounted to just one-fourth of the total membership of the Perth branch. To put this in a way in which it will be at once intelligible to the public, the number on the Roll of the Perth branch, when the meeting referred to took place, was 107. Of these 18 voted for the secular plank and 9 against it. Thus, of the whole 107 Perth Leaguers, but 27 in all voted. These figures throw a somewhat sinister light upon the assertion that "the Perth branch decided by a very large majority" in favour of the secular plank. The smallness of the meeting, indeed, was so much commented upon at the time, that I am surprised at Mr. Gray's boldness in alluding to it. A correspondent of the *Daily News* pertinently asked in reference to it, after speaking of the miserable attendance, "Was it not inadvisable to take a vote on such an important question as free, secular, compulsory education with such a small proportion of members?" And "Democritus" thus speaks of the same meeting: "It lacked numbers, it lacked enthusiasm, it lacked everything but collective half-heartedness." To this description I forbear to add a word of comment. Before closing this letter there are one or two other matters which I will ask permission just to touch on. I am at a loss to know how Mr. Gray justifies his application of the term "redomontable" to the school which the Assisted schools are the choice of half the nation, seeing that it bases on figures drawn from the matter-of-fact pages of official reports. His dread of "priestly domination and influence" are not so sincere as he seems to imagine. Mr. Dunstan is a clergyman, and yet he is the president of the Council of the League—presumably with Mr. Gray's approval and consent. The real object of Mr. Gray's aversion is shown by his use of the phrases "misrepresentation of the Romish Church," "the desire of at least one sect to get a grip at the money bags of the State," and so on—for motives concealed by ancient custom to the use of blind prejudice. Mr. Gray fears Catholics, and in his unreasoning dread pours out insults against them and their faith. As a consequence Catholics hesitate to enter the League of which he is a member. Are his fellow members content that his outrageous bigotry should convert a professedly political body into a sectarian association? If the League will walk in the path which he has marked out, it will surprise no one to hear that it has become a preliminary to initiation to "curse the Pope, wooden shoes, and crass farthings." Mr. Gray is

mistaken in supposing that in a former letter I made an appeal *ad misericordiam* on behalf of the supporters of the Assisted schools. I did no such thing. I merely wished to contrast the tone of commiseration in which you speak of the three-fourths of the community paying for the schools of the one-fourth, with the entire absence of any evidence of the same feeling for the one-fourth who are compelled to support the schools of the three-fourths. As a citizen in this free country I am inclined to make an appeal *ad misericordiam* in regard of the persons which are common to all. For the freedom and political privileges which I enjoy in this, my native land, I thank no man; nor will I allow any man to assail them.

Yours, &c.,

W. B. KELLY.

Perth, February 27.

SIR,—Mr. J. W. Langsford is nothing if not ingenious when he deals with figures. Having reminded us that it is said, and I see no reason to doubt it, that the Catholics saved to the State from 1876 to 1893, a sum of £57,057, on account of school buildings, he then goes on to say that had "the other religious denominations"—meaning, I presume, the Anglicans, Methodists, and Congregationalists—availed themselves of the privileges of the Education Act to the same extent as the Catholics, "the State Schools would no longer exist, and the amount saved to the country on the basis above mentioned would total £228,228." I don't quarrel with his belief that the State schools would, in such an event, have ceased to exist, but I would like to point out the extraordinary and ingenious means by which he arrives at this sum. At first I thought he had been making some abstruse arithmetical calculations, but after examining his figures, I found that my friend had simply multiplied the amount £57,057 by the four denominations, (the Anglicans, Catholics, Methodists, and Congregationalists), and obtained the following result: £57,057 x 4 equals £228,228. Surely, if Mr. Langsford, or any other opponent of the present system who may adopt his calculations, will only give the matter a momentary thought he will see that the requirements of each denomination would depend upon its numerical position, and those requirements would govern the amount of the cost. Again, he says that it would have caused a loss, had the denominations spent this sum, as "instead of each section having its own building, appliances and teachers in each town, the State could have supplied a better article with one central building, one set of appliances and one staff of teachers. A saving would thereby be effected with the happiest result to the community." Mr. Langsford is once more supposing what many of those who go with him believe, namely that one "section"—the Catholics—will cease to have their schools if Government assistance is withdrawn. Unless he is supposing this, I don't see how he could imagine that "one central building" would satisfy the educational wants of a town. And it is a favourite theory with many who advocate the abolition of the dual system, that the attendance of the State schools must very largely increase in consequence. I have already shown in a former letter that this is erroneous, and let me now say that their supposition is without foundation in fact. Let Mr. Langsford draw upon his own knowledge, and if he can point to any one of the Australian colonies where the withdrawal of State aid has resulted in the closing of the Catholic schools, I will be willing to admit he has some grounds for his opinion, but not till then.

I notice also that the Albany *Advertiser* is having a gird at the Assisted schools, more particularly the Catholic ones, by implying that the reason why the attendance is so much better at them is their "underselling" the State schools in the matter of the fees paid by Protestants. Really, Sir, it is ridiculous to hear this stale old assertion put for-



ward. That Protestant children attend Catholic schools, I know; that the fees charged are not always so large as the fees in Government schools, I also know; that in a few instances, Protestant children have been admitted at an amount less than the usual rate, I know; so also Catholic children but, in all the cases that have come under my knowledge of reduction or remission of fees, whether the children were Catholics or Protestants, they were cases in which the circumstances of the parents were such as to call for a reduction. I have heard of one or two cases where a reduction or a remission was made in respect of children of better class parents, but my informants carefully abstained from giving me the names. Then again, your Albany contemporary says that in the case of the Assisted school "the grant is paid for attendance only." That is not true. There is the capitation grant based on the average attendance and the result grant, the amount of which is fixed by the annual examination. If the Albany *Advertiser* only studied the by-laws of the Central Board, and the annual reports of the Education Department, it would learn this fact with very little difficulty.

Yours, &c.,

DEMOCRITUS.

Perth, March 1.

The *Daily News* in its issue of the 3rd inst., dealt with the Education Question in a very ably written leading article, which we reproduce:—

It would seem after all as if secular education had been tried and found wanting. It has had perhaps the fairest and fullest test in Victoria, where it has been the system of the country for the last 21 years, and there are not wanting signs of a reaction in favor of a system under which the religious denominations have equal rights of attending to the religious instruction of their youth. The apparent result of educating the heads of the children at the expense of their hearts, as one religious paper in New South Wales puts it, is scarcely satisfactory if the criminal statistics of Victoria are a fair indication—and they cannot be disregarded in this connection. It is said that the young men who have received nothing but a secular education are rarely seen inside a church, and that they are either open and avowed infidels or are utterly regardless of religious subjects, and indifferent to moral obligations. Some time ago a correspondence was opened in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on the query—"Why do not men go to church?" and the general result of the discussion was that it was held to be due to the Godless system of education which prevails in Australia. To the same cause is attributed, and obviously with no little reason, the growth and spread of that blot upon the social and moral records of the continent, larrikinism, which is purely of Australian origin, and is one of the great menaces to its society. Of course it is quite impossible to determine to what extent secular education is responsible for these evils, but that it has much, if not most, to do with them, few can honestly doubt. Religion is a great restraining influence, and a community which has been subjected to its teachings must needs be better and purer, and more law-abiding, than one in which it is almost disregarded. In Victoria the increase of crime is appalling, and is causing alarm both to the State and the churches; and hence the movement towards a system of religious education which is now witnessed. The evils of the present system were recognised by that liberal and very far from sentimental prelate, Bishop Moorhouse, who boldly said to his clergy "if the secular system of education goes on, you will find in course of time that your occupation will be gone. You will not be pastors to Christian churches, but missionaries to the heathen." A leading member of the Nonconformist clergy in Victoria, Mr. Savage, who, like so many of his communion, favoured a national and secular system of education, found that the state of things prophesied by the late Bishop of Mel-

bourne is not so far off, and that Dr. Moorhouse's view was not so strained as he was anxious to demonstrate. He enquired into recorded facts and found that the increase of native-born Victorians from 1880 to 1891 was 42.95 per cent. whereas the increase of native-born criminals was 99.47 per cent., that is to say, in proportion to the increase of population, there were more than twice as many native-born criminals in 1891 as there were in 1880. Surely there is some confirmation here of the belief that a secular system of education is productive of infidelity, vice and crime. The subject of reform in the system of State education is now occupying the attention of this country, and the purely secular system of education is productive of infidelity, vice and crime. The subject of reform in the system of State education is now occupying the attention of this country, and the purely secular system is obtaining many and strong advocates. But we should pause before we lightly upset the existing system and replace it by one in which our children's moral welfare is little more regarded than that of offsprings of the savages of the interior. And above all, blind and unreasoning prejudice against denominations which have done the best educational work should not allow us to be guilty of the grossest unfairness, and to permit confiscation of the cruellest character, such as some so boldly support. The more we view this important public question, and the more that its literature is read and discussed, the more evident does it seem that the question of secular *versus* religious education has been forced upon the country not only prematurely but unnecessarily, and that Western Australia is in great danger of being led away by plausible politicians, who are nothing unless they have a catchy watchword such as "free secular and compulsory education," and who would have no political standing whatever if they did not hesitate to do that which other and good men hesitate at. We do not think that the present system, as it stands, is by any means perfect. There should be a way of raising the standard of the Government schools, which at present, as a rule, compare so badly with the Assisted schools; but this can perhaps best be effected by raising the standard of qualifications as well as the remuneration of inspectors and teachers. A few more thousands a year and careful ministerial and parliamentary supervision should help to effect this. But whatever alterations are made, a purely secular system should never be consented to, and shameful confiscation must not be allowed.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

By "SCRUTATOR."

I see that a correspondent over the initials "J.R." in the *West Australian*, has, since my last, inveighed against Woman Suffrage and advocated the doctrine that women ought to be legislatively protected against themselves—against their desires for co-equal suffrage privileges with men. From the general tone of the letter, I am inclined to think that correspondent a Conservative in politics, and one little acquainted with the trend of enlightened public opinion in most advanced countries. No doubt if it were possible for Conservatives to restrict the parliamentary franchise to a certain class of women—the propertied section—Woman Suffrage thus "safeguarded" would lose much of its terrors. But the reasons that induce these animated relics of past prejudice to fear the logical development of a privilege already enjoyed by women in local affairs in many parts of the world, are similar to those upon which the conservative opposition to manhood suffrage is based. Recognising as they do that the workers, male and female, constitute the majority of every nation, the opponents of Woman Suffrage see the immense political leverage which the adoption of universal adult suffrage would give to the cause of that section of the

democracy represented by manhood suffrage alone. It is strange indeed to hear the wail of the Tory, especially the English edition of the species, against the unsexing of women by their contact with parties and politics. Now, what class of women distinguished themselves most in staid and sober England at times of general elections? Do not My Lady This and the Duchess of That scour the whole country on active electioneering campaigns and perform acts and intrigues in which their highborn decorum and women's modesty find no place? Cultivated Primrose Dames sally forth in quest of the "gutter vote" and—the gutter baby, which latter is effusively kissed and caressed by dainty and perfumed lips as part of the great game to hoodwink the "vulgar crowd" with a semblance of sympathy for the lowly condition of the masses. No election campaign is ever conducted in England by the opponents of Woman Suffrage without some effort being made to degrade the sex against whose just and natural desires for participation in the suffrage, they would erect a prohibitory barrier.

The world of to-day, especially the world of English speech, is not so full of burning chivalry amongst men that all the rights of women can be safely left in their hands, as suggested by "J.R." To the grinding monopolists of England, America and even Australia, a wide field for extortionate avarice and greed, is opened up by the prospect of cheap female labor. The United States, although theoretically the greatest Republic on earth, is the sweating domain *par excellence* of the world, and hundreds of thousands of females of all ages and occupations are compelled to accept starvation wages in bolstering up the alleged manufacturing supremacy of that country. Such a state of things—bringing with it other evils—would be impossible were the unfranchised women-workers of the Republic heard through the national ballot box demanding that measure of industrial legislation which would emancipate them from hired slavery. It is really interesting for us in Australia to know that with regard to this question we are in the van, and that America is particularly remarkable for its conservatism in this respect. In no country in the world are women employed so largely in almost every occupation as in America, and yet women are there denied, except, I think, in two States—Wyoming and Kansas—even the municipal franchise. This is owing to the fact that the municipal systems of most American cities are built upon manhood suffrage, not a ratepaying qualification, and hence the disfranchisement of women of all classes. Whilst socially, morally and intellectually the women of the United States have advanced, especially since the Civil War, politically they have lagged behind, not from want of agitation—for it is the home of the male and female stump orator—but apparently from the sheer conservatism inherent, seemingly, in the national character. But of all the fields in which the women of the future are destined to labor, the corrupt ground of American politics certainly offers the widest arena, both in construction and destruction.

Gladstone's retirement from active political life, has apparently shaken the political world to its centre, and even party asperity has softened down in contemplation of the grand old man's condition. Personally, I believe the real cause of Gladstone's retirement is not a surface one—it lies deeper and has its roots in the popular desire that he should lead an unrelenting crusade against the House of hereditary rulers. The rumblings of active discontent were first heard on the occasion of the rejection by the Peers of the Home Rule Bill, but the masses of Englishmen are nothing if not selfish. What to the Irish Nation was an outrageous affront, was only to the English populace a check upon one of many of their political desires. All along Gladstone was of opinion that the rock upon which the House

of Lords would ultimately founder would not be Home Rule for Ireland, but inter-Home Rule for England, in the shape of the various reform and local government measures he had mapped out to follow on the heels of his rejected Irish proposals. It may be remembered by close observers of the Home Rule movement in England, that about eighteen months ago, Gladstone, speaking at some great political meeting, said that at his time of life he could not be expected to actively engage in carrying those drastic measures which formed part of the programme of the advanced party, and which he acknowledged must come to the front sooner or later—his sole desire was to secure the passage of the Home Rule Bill. Even if Gladstone were ten years younger to-day than he is, the present friction with the House of Lords, presaged and hastened by the rejection of Home Rule, could not have been successfully avoided or conquered. The Radical element in the great Liberal party has been growing of late years, with the result that the time has come for a trial of strength between the hereditary and constitutional Houses—a trial of strength which Gladstone, standing on the brink of the grave and having recollections and feelings for old associations, has no mind to actively engage in. It is quite evident from the parleying which preceded his resignation that he hesitated between his convictions and the helplessness engendered by age and reverence for the past, and succumbed at last to what may seem to many an inglorious sentiment.

I can see no reason for deploring the great old man's retirement from the leadership of his heterogeneous following. Whilst he remained at the helm of affairs, the Lords would continue to reject every popular measure sent up to them from the people's representatives, conscious of the difficulties surrounding Gladstone and his disinclination to engage in a duel to the death with a cherished institution so long associated with his career. Now, however, that the way is cleared for the action of less scrupulous men actuated by a deadly aversion to the power which is continually checking reform and progress, great things may shortly be looked for. Once the masses of England are thoroughly aroused to the disgraceful servility forced upon them by tame submission to an unrepresentative and alien body of men, the way not only for radical domestic legislation will be paved, but the road to Irish National freedom will be cleared of its one and only obstacle. An early dissolution and appeal to the country are, of course, under the circumstances, imminent, but the possibility of a return to power of the Tory party need not be dreamed of by the most sanguine. The position the Lords and their henchmen in the Commons have taken up over the Parish Councils Bill—a simple development of an existing system of local government—at once seals the fate of the Tory party, and gives the keynote to all sections of the progressive party in great Britain and Ireland to rally round their leaders, and with something else than the vexed Irish question to settle at the elections there will be no fear of the result. It is quite possible that with a big majority from purely English constituencies, a reconstruction of the Ministry would take place and more of the radical element introduced than at present. Coming fresh from the country with the distinct verdict "Reform in the House of Lords," the death knell of that Chamber's vetoing power would be sounded, and the passing of Home Rule for Ireland would be a pure matter of form. Depend upon it, the next great occasion upon which the Peers shall be gathered from the four corners of the world will not be, as on the last occasion, to fling defiance and insult at the representatives of the people and the Irish nation, but more probably to fight, but in vain, for a continuance of a power which is derived neither from God nor man.



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