

An Ill-founded Rumour.

It is characteristic of a few meddling persons in Molong that they generally know more about other people's business than the latter do themselves. We are reminded of this fact by a rumour which, we are informed, is being circulated in town to the effect that "reserve prices" have been placed upon the household furniture and effects which are to be offered for sale at public auction by Messrs. A. D. Eastman and Co., this afternoon (Saturday), and which belong to Mr. G. H. Davis. We are in a position to give this report an emphatic denial, and desire to here state that the goods will be sold, as advertised, "WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE"

A shooting in connection with the Mounted Rifles Rifle Club will be held on the range next Saturday at 2 p m.

Look out for the grand fete, bazaar, and ball, at "Strathmore," Burrawong, on the 11th October. More anon.

At the meeting of the Band of Mercy on Friday evening, 20 instant, prizes were awarded to Hilda Bowler, Madora Rubie, and Reginald Windred.

Miss Maggie Foley, a sister to Miss Foley, the assistant teacher at the Molong Public

the assistant teacher at the Molong Public School, died at Lowe's Peak, near Mudgee, on Thursday. Deceased had been ailing for a long time, and was 22 years of age.

Owing to want of space, we are reluctantly compelled to hold over the handicaps of the respective players in the tennis tournament for Dr. Ross's trophies.

The Princess Opera Company played "Boccaccio" to a good house in the local School of Arts on Wednesday night. The performance was, on the whole, a very pleasing one.

Mr. W. Carroll received a nasty fall from his horse on Thursday, while indulging in tent-pegging practice. The breaking of one of the stirrup leathers occasioned the mishap, which was, happily, unattended by injuries.

A hare drive was held at Mr. T. O'Donnell's Belgravia, the other day, when 100 hares were shot. The highest scorers were—M. Doherty, 14, R. Griffith, 12, and J. Priest, 12. The hares were trucked to Sydney. Fifty-four of them weighed over 7lbs. each and realised 1s 8d per pair.

Mr. W. B. Melville, in a letter published on another page, lets the local Protection Association have it "straight from the shoulder" over its miserable determination to exclude "the Free Trade Press" from its meetings. Mr. J. F. Wynne also gives it a nasty slap in the face in a letter appearing in this issue.

This evening (Saturday), at eight o'clock, Mr. John Roche Ardill will deliver an address in the local Town Hall on "Our Land Laws." He intends to visit other centres shortly and deliver addresses on the same subject.

An old resident of the district in the person of Mr. Thos. Trueman passed away last Sunday morning. Deceased was 59 years of age, and was well-known throughout the district. His remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the general cemetery on Tuesday morning, a goodly number of townsfolk attending the funeral. The Rev. J. Aldia officiated at the grave.

A very successful meeting of the Band of Mercy was held in the Town Hall on Friday night, 20th instant. There was a large attendance and the programme was an entertaining and instructive one. The Rev. J. Aldia presided.