

Items of Interest.

Colds are prevalent in town just now.

The Local Land Board will sit at Molong and Camnock next week.

Sheep are reported to be dying fast in parts of the Parkes district.

Alex. Gilland has been appointed junior porter at the local railway station.

Parkes P. and A. Society got 50 trees from the Government to plant in its show-ground.

A Crown land sale will be conducted at the Molong Lands Office on Wednesday, 25th August.

Mr. Jas. Lee, of Larras Lake, has been appointed a judge of blood stock at the Parkes Show.

Mr. R. Y. Cousins contemplates taking his well-known blood horse—Souvenir—to the Parkes Show.

We understand that a concert in connection with the Wesleyan Church is to be held at Meranburn this evening.

An ordinary license for the keeping and sale of explosives has been granted to Lawrence Kirby, of Eugowra.

Mr. John Curtin's, Borenore, will be the scene of a hare drive this afternoon. A dance will follow in the evening.

The railway line is now completed right into the town of Condobolin, and the erection of station buildings is being pushed on rapidly.

A lot of new land, we're told, is being turned up by the plough. Farmers evidently are determined not to be short of fodder in coming seasons.

Mr. W. Elge Nevin, formerly of Molong and one of the colony's comparatively few capable verse-writers, is organising, at Gulgong, a benefit for the local Hospital.

People were running all over the town last Monday trying to procure postage stamps. The closing of the post office because it was a Bank Holiday occasioned the trouble and inconvenience.

The "copy" of the Manildra Show schedule is now in the printers' hands, and, all going well, printed copies will be obtainable from the indefatigable secretary (Mr. G. W. Griffith) on Wednesday next.

Monday last was a bank holiday, and a few people who were not cognizant of the fact were sorrowfully disappointed when they visited the local institutions and found they were temporary closed to business.

Considering the number of coursing meetings that have lately been postponed on account of want of hares, one is led to believe there ought to be a pretty good thing in trapping and supplying hares to Clubs who want them.

The sixth regular monthly meeting of the Amarno Progress Association takes place at Mrs Dickinson's residence, on Monday next, at 7.30 p.m. At the close of the meeting, subscriptions will be received for the ensuing six months.

That was a kind, brotherly action that some of the farmers of Garra performed last week, when they turned up and gave a day's services to assist a distressed fellow-being to get in his crop of wheat. Such an action tends to make one realise that the world is not so hard-hearted and so generally bad as it is painted.

At the sitting of the Land Appeal Court, which is to be held in Sydney on Tuesday,

which is to be held in Sydney on Tuesday, 17th instant, the appeal of Louisa H. Windus against the decision of the Board in respect of improvements upon her conditional purchase, No. 91-213, and conditional lease, No. 22,213, Molong, formerly E. Windus, will come on for hearing.

The Molong juniors defeated a team from the Wollaroi College (Orange) in a football match on the Rec. last Saturday afternoon. Owing to the showers which fell during the morning, the ground was unstable, but notwithstanding this disadvantage the local lads played up well, and easily defeated their opponents. The scores were—Molong, 9 points, Wollaroi's, 3 points. The former team was captained by Wallie Ross and the latter by J. Stilwell.

The old Court-house Hotel was re-opened on Tuesday last after being closed for seven or eight months.

The Parkes Show takes place next week. A fairly representative contingent from Molong will attend.

With such a hopeful season ahead, there should be good reward in the by-and-bye for the industry which our yeomanry are displaying at present.

The recent glorious rains and balmy weather of the present week have caused quite an epidemic of smiling faces and jubilant hopes among the farming class.

Mr. Butcher, father of the Misses Butcher, who conduct a private school in Molong, is seriously ill. His condition, we regret to hear, is such as to cause the family much anxiety.

The football match last Saturday afternoon was a source of attraction to a tidy number of folk, who appeared interested in

number of folk, who appeared interested in the game and appreciated the plucky play of the local boys.

General regret, we are told, is felt in the Cudal district at the departure of Mr. C. Campbell, who has now taken up his residence in Molong, having bought the chemistry business recently carried on by Mr. Skeen.

Out of 39 members who went through the last musketry course in connection with the local half-company of Mounted Rifles, no less than 25 classified as marksmen, while nine rank as first-class shots, and only five as second-class shots.

We are told that a couple of young men made asses of themselves on Sunday night, when they pretended to be drunk in Bank-street. The young men referred to are old enough to know better, and if they have no respect for themselves they should have some consideration for their parents.

The Inspector of Nuisances has been ordered to summon persons who allow their horses and cattle to trespass on the streets and destroy the trees. This ought to put a stop to the disgraceful state of things which a negligent Council and apathetic community have allowed to exist too long.

The following gentlemen have been appointed deputy registrars for the Molong Electoral District:—A. H. Costin, postmaster, Canowindra; C. D. Logan, postmaster, Cargoe; J. Claxton, postmaster, Cudal; J. R. Cabell, postmaster, Eugowra; J. O'Neill, constable, Cumnock; O. H. Elliott, constable, Obley.

On Friday evening next, the monthly meeting of the Molong Bee-keepers' Association will be held at the School of Arts. As the advisability of extending the basis of the Society so as to include the interests of poultry breeders is to be considered, it is to be hoped there will be a full attendance of members. Poultry fanciers are also invited

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THE REASON.
Store is vacant,
Sign "To Let,"
Former tenant
Had to get,
He in sorrow
Sits and sighs,
'Cause he didn't
Advertise.

Messrs. S. D. Bennett and Co. will conduct a sale of freehold land, brick cottage, carts, buggies, horses, harness, fancy goods, drapery, groceries, &c., at Manildra on Wednesday, 25th August. The things to be offered are the property of that old Manildraite, Mr. G. H. Hanks, who has determined to dispose of his stock-in-trade as well as two parcels of freehold land, on one of which is a four-room brick cottage and outhouses.

Constable O'Brien's young son had a miraculous escape from being kicked to death last Saturday morning. It appears he walked up to and innocently caressed one of the hind legs of Captain Claude Smith's horse—Perfection—which had been placed in the stable in the court-house yard, while Mr. Smith was engaged in magisterial duties in the Licensing Court. The child's arms were no sooner round the horse's leg than it let out a terrible kick, and knocked the boy eight yards away before he lodged on the ground. Wonderful to relate, when picked up by his father, who had just come on the scene to see the occurrence, the unlucky youngster was not hurt beyond a bruise on the ribs.

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Mrs. A. W. Tempest is about to leave Molong, to join her husband in West Australia.

Mr. Trueman, an old resident of the town and district, is seriously ill, suffering from pleurisy.

A paper on "Swarming" will be read at the meeting of the local Bee-keepers' Association, to be held next week.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was the only business before the Commons Trustees meeting on Tuesday night.

A successful sale of household furniture and other things was conducted by Messrs A. D. Eastmure and Co. last Saturday at West Molong.

There are to be a few events for competition by the Mounted Rifles at the Manildra Agricultural Show next month. These should in themselves prove an attraction to Manildra district folk.

When Alderman Hamer took his seat for the first time as a councillor at this week's meeting of the local Municipal Council, he was welcomed to the civic board by his Worship the Mayor.

The second of the series of socials organised by Miss Hollingsworth for the benefit of the School of Arts was held on Tuesday night. It was very fairly attended and passed off successfully.

This afternoon, at two o'clock, Messrs. S. D. Bennett and Co. will sell by public auction, on that vacant piece of land adjoining the post office, a quantity of galvanized roofing iron, wire netting, iron pipes, buggy harness, sulky, and buggy.

The Inspector of Nuisances reports that the condition of some back premises in Bank-street is not conducive to good health. Those

street is not conducive to good health. Those concerned had better take time by the forelock and clean up their yards, or they'll have occasion to regret their negligence ere long.

A number of Molong district residents journeyed to Forbes by the mail train on Wednesday morning in order to take part in the ballot for some of the selections on Burrawong holding, which were available for selection at the Forbes Lands Office on Thursday.

At a sitting of the Molong Licensing Court on Saturday last, a license was granted to James Syphers for the old Court-house Hotel, in Hill and Edward streets. Mr. Syphers is an old Molongite, having resided here some years ago. His old friends wish him success in his new venture.

"Inquirer" writes asking if the Cumnock Jockey Club, which was started some time back, is defunct. We are not in a position to answer the question. Write to either Messrs. McLachlan, W. Black, or J. McDonnell. One of these gentlemen will no doubt be able to give you the information you desire.

Mr. W. Tanner, son of Mrs. Tanner, of Hill street, died at Cohar last Sunday. At the latter end of last week word was received that he was dangerously ill, and on Monday morning the melancholy news of his untimely end came to hand. "Bill" was well-known to many in Molong, who will, we feel sure, regret to hear of his demise, and extend their deepest sympathy to the afflicted family.

The following are the appointments for to-morrow's services in connection with the Wesleyan Church:—Molong, 11 a.m., Mr. W. Shield; 7 p.m., Rev. W. C. Hughes; Garra, 3 p.m., Mr. W. Shield; 7.30 p.m., Mr. H. Bradley; Meranburn, 2.15 p.m., Rev. W. C. Hughes; Cudal, 7.30 p.m., Mr. H. Thomas; Red Hill, 11 a.m., Rev. W. C. Hughes; Shades, 3 p.m., Mr. J. Packham.

HUGHES, Sunday, 5 p.m., Mr. J. JACKMAN.

A Molong gent. has sent us along the following with a request that it be published in our columns :—

There is within this marble-town,
A brow that never wore a frown ;
There is a full, bright modest eye,
Where mind and soul doth seem to vie ;
And struggling either to have place
Gives sweet expression to a face
That wanted little aid at all,
To features regular and small ;
With ivory rows so elegant,
As if one had robbed an elephant ;
There plays a smile to every one,
There lives a heart—Ah ! why for none ?
LE PEDE.

Now, to whom do these lines refer ?