

Mr. Donovan: Rachel Mackie, £1,910, on the motion of Mr. Bayles; Michael A. Flynn, £175, on the motion of Mr. Woolf; James M'Gee, £2,132, on the motion of Mr. Cole; M'Gee, £2,690, on the motion of Mr. Christy; Mr. Arthur, £1,698, on the motion of Mr. Weigall; Helen Reed, £1,480, on the motion of Mr. M'Arthur.

A PANTHER ALLEGED TO BE AT LARGE.

On Tuesday night a calf belonging to Mr. Crawley, of Wattle-grove road, Burwood, in the Burwood district, was killed and partly eaten by some foraging animal. There were tracks which did not look like those of a dog, and, besides, it was pointed out that even vicious dogs, which are addicted to killing sheep, seldom attack young cattle.

FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB OF VICTORIA.

The ordinary meeting of the above club was held at the Royal Society's hall on Wednesday evening. The president (the Rev. J. J. Hatley) occupied the chair, and about 80 members and visitors were present.

The hon. secretary read an account of the club excursion to Lilydale on the Queen's Birthday, giving a more particular description of the fungi and toadstools found during the day.

Mr. A. H. S. Lucas, M.A., read the second part of his paper on "The Overland Trip to Wilson's Promontory," giving an interesting account of his adventures amongst the granite formations of the southern portion of the promontory.

interesting note on the moth which has lately attacked the cabbage and cauliflower plants so severely.

Mr. D. M'Alpine spoke of the importance of studying the economic entomology of the colony.

The exhibits of the evening were particularly numerous and interesting, including specimens of all departments of natural history, among which may be specially noticed the exhibit of the drawings of fossils collected during the Lilydale excursion by Miss Campbell; also fossils collected on the same occasion by the Rev. A. W. Cresswell.

It was arranged to hold an excursion to Frankston on July 1, leaving town by the 9 a.m. train.

After the usual conversation the meeting terminated.

LAND ACT MAPS.

The second batch of Land Act maps, which have been prepared for public reference in connexion with selection under the Land Act of last session, were ready for issue on June 11. There are only four maps in the batch, namely, those for the counties of Follett, Evelyn, Wannanunga, and Villiers.

INTERCOLONIAL.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY IN ADELAIDE.

A DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

ADELAIDE, FRIDAY.

A tragedy occurred this afternoon in Stanley-street, North Adelaide, which ended in the death of two men and one woman. The particulars of the affair have been obtained from Mrs. Schutt, a neighbour.

The couple who were living together were known by the name of O'Connor. They only took the house last Tuesday, and very little is known about them, but their relations are said to live in North Adelaide.

The following letter was found on him, addressed to Joseph Lines, Kooringa:—"Adelaide, June 12.—My Dear Father and Mother, I have found Lizzie and Morris. They are living together as man and wife. I shall be dead by the time you get this letter.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES CONTINGENT.

SYDNEY, THURSDAY. The following telegram, dated Cairo, June 10, has been received by Colonel Roberts from the general commanding the British troops at Cairo:—"The only sick member of the Australian contingent left behind was Private Thorpe, who is at Suez, recovering

from enteric fever. He proceeds shortly to England at his own request."

The Colonial Secretary has received from Colombo a telegram stating that Private Colister has died in the hospital. The other sick members of the contingent left at Colombo are improving in health.

ARRIVAL AT ALBANY.

SYDNEY, FRIDAY.

The troopship Arab with the contingent on board arrived at Albany at a quarter to 9 this morning. She is expected to reach Sydney by the end of next week, probably Saturday or Sunday.

The Queensland Government have intimated their desire to be represented in Sydney at the demonstration for the reception of the contingent. It is understood that Lieutenant-Colonel Justice Mein will come from Brisbane in a representative capacity.

DEPARTURE OF SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS FROM BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, MONDAY.

The steamer Victoria left this afternoon to return the South Sea Islanders to their homes. The party on board consists of Mr. H. M. Chester, who represents the Queensland Government, assisted by Mr. Lawrie; Mr. H. H. Romilly, as representative of the Imperial Government; Mr. A. Musgrave, jun., who acts as assistant deputy commissioner; Dr. P. Smith, 12 men of the Naval Brigade, and also representatives of the Sydney Morning Herald, and the Brisbane Courier, and two passengers.

SUMMARY OF NEW ZEALAND NEWS.

The following summary of New Zealand news has been compiled by our Dunedin correspondent for the week ending June 4:—

The Ministry are busy preparing work for the coming session, but the greatest reversion is preserved. The Native Lands Settlement Bill has been completed. It provides means by which native lands can be disposed of, either by sale or lease, under the land laws of the colony, after they have passed through the Native Land Court.

Inspector Pardy has prepared a long report in reference to the recent rumours as to native troubles at Parihaka. He asserts that the reports have greatly exaggerated actual facts, and that throughout the whole native district only one fence has been damaged, and that but slightly. The 60 head of cattle said to have been stolen have dwindled down to 20, and there is no proof that they have been stolen.

The Colonial Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of £140 from some one in New South Wales, who states that many years ago he defrauded the Government of New Zealand of that amount.

OPENING OF THE NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT.

WELLINGTON, THURSDAY.

Parliament was opened to-day. The Governor's speech refers to the passing away of the depression under which the colony has laboured, the loyal disposition of the natives, and the defence measures adopted during the recess in view of impending war.

THE RETURNED SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS.

MACKAY, THURSDAY.

The A.S.N. Co's steamer Victoria arrived here this morning, and embarked the first batch of islanders, numbering 35, who are being returned by the Government to New Guinea and the adjacent islands.

THE A.S.N. CO'S STEAMER CAHORS ASHORE.

THE PASSENGERS ALL SAFE.

SYDNEY, THURSDAY.

A telegram was posted at the Exchange this afternoon stating that the A.S.N. Co's fine new steamship Cahors, which left here on Tuesday evening for Brisbane, with a full list of passengers and a general cargo, under the command of Captain David Walker, went ashore last evening on Evans Rocks, near Ballina Heads, at the entrance to the Richmond River, and that by this afternoon there was 4ft. of water in the hold.

The Cahors was one of the fastest, and certainly one of the finest steamers of the A.S.N. Co's fleet. Her loss will be a great blow to the company.

LATER PARTICULARS.

The Cahors went ashore at Evans Reef, 15 miles south of the Richmond River Heads, at 6 o'clock last evening. She was steaming at the rate of 14 knots an hour at the time of the disaster. After signalling for some time, the steamer Burwah, bound for Brisbane, hove in sight. She came up at about midday, and immediately lowered her boats and commenced the transhipment of the passengers, which was accomplished with great difficulty. Besides the crew, numbering 33, the Cahors had 200 passengers on board.

difficulty and danger. The Burwah proceeded to Brisbane at noon to-day. The steamer Tomki remained by the Cahors for some hours to-day to render assistance, and succeeded in rescuing several horses which were swimming about in the sea.

A telegram received at 10 o'clock to-night from the Clarence Heads states that the Government steamer Dione had just returned from the wreck with 30 of the crew, the second mate, and 130 mail bags. The captain and the chief officer remained on board. The Dione returns to the wreck in the morning. The A.S.N. Company's steamer Dingadee left Sydney this afternoon for the scene of the wreck with pumps and other appliances to endeavour to get the Cahors off.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, FRIDAY MORNING.

The no-confidence debate closed shortly before 1 o'clock this (Friday) morning, the Government being defeated by a majority of four votes. The discussion, which was of a warm and personal character in parts, was watched by eager crowds, who occupied every available space.

DEPARTURE OF ARCHBISHOP MORAN.

SYDNEY, MONDAY.

A large number of the Roman Catholic clergy attended at St. Mary's Cathedral this morning, and presented an address to Archbishop Moran prior to his departure for Rome. In acknowledging the address, Dr. Moran said that he was going to Rome in response to a telegram from the Pope, requesting his immediate presence.

EXTRAORDINARY DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

SYDNEY, THURSDAY.

An extraordinary dynamite outrage was perpetrated at Carcoar last night, by which a store and dwelling occupied by a Chinaman named Ah Lun, in Naylor-street, was wrecked. At about midnight a man and a boy knocked at the door of Ah Lun's store, and demanded to be supplied with fruit.

The explosion was heard at a distance of two miles away, and many persons thought that the magazine on the railway line had been blown up. Some houses in the neighbourhood were damaged. A quantity of dynamite cartridges and fuses and a revolver were found in the tent occupied by the prisoners.

THE COURTS.

SUPREME COURT.

The arguments on the application for a new trial in the suit of Malpas v. Malpas were concluded on Saturday, in the Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Higinbotham. His Honour reserved his decision.

Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Holroyd in the Supreme Court on Monday in an action of Thomson v. The Tasmanian Fire Assurance Company. The defendants had insured the stock-in-trade of one John Walsh, a bootmaker at Sandhurst, to the extent of £200 against fire.

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Warne was registered as owner of the land, but when he applied to mortgage it the assignee of his insolvent estate stepped in and claimed the property as belonging to him, and he applied to the Court of Insolvency, Melbourne, for an order directing that the property should be dealt with and the proceeds applied in payment of the creditors. Mr. Young claimed that the amount that he had advanced to the insolvent to enable him to purchase the property should be repaid to him before the other creditors were paid.

Mr. Justice Higinbotham gave judgment in the Supreme Court on Monday on an application to oust Mr. John Scarlett from office as councillor of the Murray riding of the shire of Towong. It was objected against Mr. Scarlett that he was not qualified to be rated for the shire, and therefore was not eligible to be elected as a councillor.

A decision was given by Mr. Justice Holroyd in the Supreme Court on Monday in an action of Mercer v. Sowerby, in which the plaintiff sought to recover damages from the defendant in consequence of the latter having wrongfully deprived him of an engine and some timber. Mercer had bought the property at a sheriff's sale on an execution issued by Sowerby against a person named Haselhurst, a mill owner at Daylesford.

An action of Colard v. Hill was recently tried in the Supreme Court, in which the plaintiff sought to recover damages for breach of an agreement made by the defendant to take him into partnership in a store at Dimboola. The jury awarded the plaintiff £282 as damages, but a question was reserved for the opinion of the Supreme Court whether the plaintiff could recover more than nominal damages.

In February last a farmer named Wm. Nuttall, residing at Heidelberg, was summoned before the local justices on two charges of using abusive language to Lieutenant Price, and also of using indecent language to him. The justices fined Nuttall on both charges. He paid the fine for the first, but on Wednesday applied to the Supreme Court to quash the conviction on the second, on several grounds.

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