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The Welcome Rain has come at last, And Cobar is itself again

XMAS IS COMING

and we are daily landing Xmas Novelties, Xmas Cakes, Xmas and New Year Cards, Xmas Presents, and Toys, etc. for this season of the year to fill the Santa Claus stockings.

Just call and see our XMAS GROCERIES. Unequaled or unexcelled for quality or price.

An article well bought is three parts sold. We buy for the cash of the markets of the world, and we sell at bedrock for the benefit of our customers. Our profits are small, but our customers are many, and that is how we do it.

Toys for the Boys

A Harvest for the Young.

CROCKERY, GROCERY, IRONMONGERY, GLASSWARE, BOOTS AND SHOES, ETC., at Prices Cheaper than elsewhere.

There is a good time in store for Cobar people for many months, and we are going to continue improving it by selling at Bedrock Prices right through.

Only One Address

FONG WAH LEE & Co., General Storekeepers, Marshall-Street, Cobar.

Lew's Hall Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1902

WRIGHTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCERT

PROGRAMME—Part I.

- Violin Selection... Elsie White, Jack Milston, Robert McLelland
Chorus... 'The Downy Ducks'... Infants
Solo... 'Good Night, Mamma'... Hazel Low
Song... 'Upides'... Amelia Wright, Blanche Thomas, Cecil Low, J. Martin, & G. Firth

PART II.

Cantata: "RED RIDING HOOD'S RESCUE."

- Red Riding Hood... Miss Minnie Gudgeon
Mother... Miss Amy Wilson
Buttercup... Miss Elsie White
Rose... Miss Louie Shallala
Woodman... Master Robert McLelland
Wolf... Master Sydney Wilson
Robin... Master Harold Clarke
Blue Bells... Fifteen Infants

SPORTS!

CANBELEGO

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1st, 1903. Opening Handicap Footrace, 100 yards. First prize £2, second 10s. Entrance 2s, acceptance 1s.

SPECIAL NOTICE

J. G. BRAY & Co., High class TAILORS of BATHURST & WELLINGTON have decided to OPEN a BRANCH IN COBAR.

COOL and Refreshing Up-to-date DRINKS \* THE FOUNTAIN, GOULD'S TERRACE, MARSHALL-ST. S. R. WOOD.

Sunday Church Services

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Cobar at 11 and 7.30. Sunday School at 8. Wrightville, Sunday School at 11. Rev. R. H. D. Kelly.

PRESBYTERIAN Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Evening Subject: 'A declaration that staggard humanity.' Sunday School at 8. Rev. J. McDowell. Mr F. Gresham.

WESLEYAN. Cobar at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School at 8 p.m. Wrightville Sunday School at 2.30. Rev. G. W. Furner.

SALVATION ARMY. Junior Annual Sunday, services at 7 and 11 a.m., 3 and 7.30 p.m. Monday, 8 p.m., junior carnival. Ensign Drury.

Cobar Herald and Nymagge Advertiser.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 1902.

Local and General.

GOULD'S XMAS Cash Sale starts today. BATCH of cheap railway fares are advertised.

READ Mr T. Farquhar's price list of Xmas requirements. The late rains have given a six months' supply of water at Bourke and White Cliffs.

In our advertising columns will be found a lengthy notice from Messrs Fong Wah Lee & Co.

Messrs J. O. GRAY and Co., tailors of Bathurst and Wellington, announce that they are opening in Cobar.

Cobar Turf Club seems very dead. A meeting of committee called for this week lapsed for want of a quorum.

REBATES on railway freights in connection with starting stock have already cost the Government over £50,000.

MR CRICK: There will be no more money spent on rabbit barrier fences. Every shilling spent on barrier fences has been wasted.

LAW, M.P., now stands in the same position as Sleash and Ferguson. He remains a democrat, but retains his political freedom.

OWNERS of stock running on Henning's homestead lease, or McDonald's lease (Billagee) are notified that same must be removed.

READ Mr P. Schulz's advt. re-planting, etc., in this issue. Conventions made with the water mains at a low estimate.

Tax basic principle of the new Pastures Protection Bill, says Mr. Crick, is compulsory entry only where owner or occupier refuses to carry out his provisions.

THE new jacket at the Copper mine has proved a huge success. It puts through about 200 tons per day, and proves a great economy. A new stack is necessary to carry off the smoke. The excavations for this have been commenced.

ABOUT 1 1/2 in rain fell last week near Cunnamulla, and small boys ran out, caught the wonderful stuff in a bottle, corked it up, and took it to the old folks, who put a date on it and preserved it as a curio. In one paddock, the bones of hundreds of cattle are just now an inch or two under water. Nature's little ironies!

ON Wednesday Cobar Dramatic Society met at the Grand Hotel. Present:—Messrs Bredon (chairman), Louchman, Kelly, Bradley, Coghlan, Mitchell, and Elwin. Some small accounts were passed for payment. It was decided to grant the request from the Town Band Committee, and carry out a concert and dramatic entertainment. This was the principal business transacted.

THE rumour is revived that Mr Wise will be appointed Commonwealth High Commissioner in England, thus leading to the reconstruction of the State Ministry. It is rumoured that Mr Crick will be called to the bar, with a view to assuming the Attorney-Generalship. Mr Bennett or Mr Havelock is also rumoured to be Minister for Lands; it is also rumoured that the portfolios of Justice and Public Instruction will be combined.

AN Act of Parliament sometimes makes more criminals than Christians. The Australian Commonwealth recently decreed that Tattersall's sweeps were wrong, and tried to suppress them per medium of the post office. That happened 7 months ago, but Pat is still on top, the law is avoided, and those who avoid it are law-breakers. As we have said in this journal oftentimes before, by maintaining Tattersall the public show that he is wanted, and they will make their little speculations by some means or other.

N.S.W. Land revenue from July 1 to November 30 of this year showed a falling off of £184,425 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, of which £80,283 occurred during the month of November. Of the revenue derived from occupation licenses, some portion may be received during the present month, as lessees have to the 31st on which to pay amounts due to the crown. The occupation licenses in the Western Division are holding back, awaiting re-arrangement by the Western Land Board. The land revenue last year was unusually large, and it is at once apparent that the effects of the drought are being felt by the Crown tenants and pastoralists generally.

Public schools go into recess next week.

See advt. re White Cliffs races in our business column.

During the week Mr Williams, telegraph operator, returned from his holiday.

REVOLVER shots west of Barton street are not usual midnight sounds in Cobar.

ON Monday evening in Crow's Hall, the Salvation Army will jubilate. See advt.

THE foundation stone of the new Church of England building will be laid on Jan. 17th.

REPORTED that many sheep were drowned at Bourke by the recent rain. The irony of fate!

A VERY welcome boom in advts this week has caused an encroachment on our reading space.

A NOT named Liddle, 24 years old, was reported lost from Louth during the week. No later information to hand.

MR VALL, telegraph line repairer, is now on a tour of inspection out Milparinka way, where Constable Smith lives.

ON Friday night of last week Tambara received 53 points of rain and Mtig Downs 80 points. There is plenty of water in the tanks.

THE Railway Department announces the issue of cheap tickets to Melbourne by the train leaving Cobar at 9.45 a.m. on Wednesday, 17th December.

"It is said that one of Sydney's leading pickpockets is in Cobar. If he is here professionally the police should recommend him a change of air."

COBAR Gold Mines' siren frequently utters spurious notes. We wouldn't like to see the operator responsible for that distressful squeal in the Cobar Town Band.

NEXT Wednesday Wrightville Public School concert will be held. The programme, which accompanies this issue, is a first-class one, and should attract a bumper house.

AT a meeting held on Sunday last the Cobar United Brass Band was wound up, and a cash balance divided. The members gave Mr W. Kelly a worthy testimonial.

THE Assembly negatived Mr Carruthers' motion concerning a rebate of the fodder duties, but carried an amendment in favor of Government importation should necessity arise.

THE Queensland Full Court has upheld the conviction in the Kennedy, Judge Reid dissenting as regards James Kennif, holding that there was no evidence against him.

THE Political Labor Conference, on the motion of Mr Spence, M.H.R., adopted the following resolution:—"That lawyers be excluded from the Federal Arbitration Court if established."

COBAR post and telegraph office is just now being re-painted and renovated. Quite time too. By the way, we understand that there has been a big revival in postal business since the rain.

IT is a pity that some church committees, when having pence cards printed, forget that they don't get their support from Sydney printers. The church owes a duty to the town just as much as the town owes a duty to the church.

IN our advertising columns it will be noticed that Adrian James and his brother have opened in next Saturday business. Although visiting Lithgow and Mudgee, Adrian evidently prefers Cobar, when it has water. His business is next to the Bank.

TUS (Saturday) evening the Town Band will play at the intersection of Marshall and Linsley streets. The committee of the above have received a letter from Mr T. Lon, worth, who accepts the position of patron, and has kindly donated two guineas.

ON New Year's Day sports will be held at Canbelego. Nominations for the principal events close next Saturday, December 20th. A splendid programme of about 20 events, with very liberal prize money, is offered to the public. Programmes have been well circulated in town.

ON Wednesday Mr Geo. Frew was in town. He says he has more water on the Central than he ever had there before, and that a good spring is assured. The HERALD rises to say hello, because Mr Frew, like many more Cobar pastoralists, is deserving of all the benefits good seasons can bestow.

WE were glad to see our old friend, Mr Alf. Chappele, in town during the week. He is now travelling for mining machinery and explosives. Mr Chappele was very ill a few months ago with pneumonia, but his cross-out saw constitution carried him through that deadly illness safely. Bravo!

THE divorce suit, Varney Parker v. his wife, formerly Isabella Cameron, Murray William Billwell, ex respondent, commenced on Wednesday. A counter petition alleges adultery of petitioner with parties named. Justice Simpson forbade the publication of correspondence affecting many prominent persons. The case is proceeding.

THE local court house is not a bad sounding building, yet there are cases where the reporters bear evidence with difficulty. It may be that the officials do not wish to let the court hear all, but if such is the case it should be stopped. Even newspaper reporters possess a measure of discretion gained from experience. Anyhow, the reporter is the medium between the public and the tribunal of justice, and he should be assisted in obtaining a correct report.

COBAR Church of England members are arranging a Christmas Carnival, to be held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Boxing night, Dec. 23rd, 24th, and 26th. Three Xmas trees will be provided, and these will be loaded with the customary crop. There will also be refreshment and flower stalls, fish ponds, cool drinks, and the numerous provisions that are usual. Entertainment will be provided nightly. See the advt.

FOR SALE—New Cottage, land 90 by 165 feet, two frontages, good title. Torrens, £50. N. MORRISON & Co.

SPECIAL excursion train at specially low fares of 14d per mile first-class, and 13 p per mile second-class, is announced for a run to Sydney on Friday, 19th December.

FRIDAY dailies are humorous at times. The "S. M. Herald" says Mr O'Sullivan hopes to recover the water trouble, in the construction of Cobar-Wilcannia railway, by using 'camels.' The "D.T." says Le will use 'camels.' Now, aren't the initials of the latter paper suggestive?

TELEGRAMS.

Sydney, Friday. In the Assembly Mr Carruthers moved a resolution urging the Government to make provision for the temporary rebate on the payment of breadstuffs and fodder, and for their importation. The motion was negatived by 59 to 88, the gap having been unsuccessfully applied by ministers.

An amendment by Mr Webster, Labor member, to the effect that the Government should, if necessary, import breadstuffs and fodder, and them at reasonable rates, was accepted by the Premier and carried on the vote.

The Treasury bill was read a third time, when there were several lively scenes. Henry Clarke threatened to lift J. C. Fitzpatrick under the jaw, while Mr Crick walked up to the speaker, and addressing him said, "You are making a farce of the proceedings." The Speaker characterised the words as very offensive, and demanded a withdrawal and apology, which requested the minister reluctantly complied with.

Light rain fell in portions of the State yesterday.

Mr S. Hordern, who has returned from England, says the damaging effect of the Federal Government's policy could hardly be realised in London.

In the Assembly yesterday the Premier promised to immediately telegraph Mr Barton that it was the unanimous opinion of State members that the haters should be allowed to land.

Last night the scenes of the previous night were repeated. Mr Crick accused Mr Carruthers with using blackguardly remarks. The speaker demanded a withdrawal and apology. For some time the Minister handled words with the Speaker, who threatened to take severe measures, but he failed to carry out the threat. Eventually, Mr Crick withdrew and apologised.

Steamship owners state that the vessels laid up owing to shrinkage in trade aggregate 60,000 tons.

Wincombe Carson's wool sales yesterday were extremely active and big prices were realised. Greasy reached 18 1/2, and scored 16 1/2.

London, Thursday. Copper, £50 17s 6d, and £51 5s at three months.

Juvenile Offenders.

SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS. The following gentlemen occupied seats on the Bench on Tuesday last on the occasion of the meeting of Justices of the Peace to revise the jurors' list:—Messrs Treat, P.M., Hogan, Leah, Kinkaid, Coghlan, Stoenon, O'Neill, d'Apice, Scott, and Cornish.

In addition to revising the roll the Bench, with the desire of strengthening the hands of the Hon. B. R. Wise, Attorney General, in his good work regarding neglected and destitute children, hereby place on record:

(1) That in the opinion of the Cobar Bench of Magistrates great need exists for remedial legislation in the treatment of juvenile offenders, and for State interference in the case of neglected children, who are the bane of the population.

(2) That, pending legislation, it is desirable that our local courts should be so arranged that alleged juvenile offenders may be dealt with on other than regular court days.

(3) That a special Cobar Court of Petty Sessions should be held on the afternoons of Mondays in each week for cases, if any, against juvenile offenders only.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously carried, on the motion of Messrs Treat and Kinkaid.

It was also proposed by Mr Hogan, seconded by Mr Cornish, and carried unanimously, that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Hon. B. R. Wise, Attorney General.

N.S.W. League of Wheelmen, Cobar Branch.

Grand Cycling Carnival, will be held on Cobar Ground on MARCH 17TH.

Programme in future issue. D. J. O'NEILL, Hon. Sec.

Municipality of Gladstone.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS will be instituted for rates unpaid within seven days from date hereof.

H. A. EDWARDS, Council Clerk, Wrightville, Dec. 12th, 1902.

SALVATION ARMY.

SUNDAY & MONDAY NEXT, December 14 & 15. GREAT JUNIOR CARNIVAL. Special Songs, Recitations, Life Boat Drill, Club and Dumb-bell Exercises, and Dolly Drill. Sunday, 7.30 p.m. Silver collection at the door. Monday, 8 p.m., Tickets 6d.

CANBELEGO

AND IT'S MINE.

During the expiring days of the memorable drought of 1902, when, for a greater part of the year, the Cobar gold mining industry was in recess, our reporter paid a special visit to the rising township and mining centre now flourishing under the name of Canbelego. Most people previously knew the field as Mount Boppy, but now the place with that designation is only an uninteresting railway siding where one steps out of the train to reach the mining township some 8 1/2 miles south. Mr Monaghan runs a smart passenger coach to the township, and the traffic the centre has attracted keeps him busily engaged. We commenced to speak about the drought breaking up. Well, the writer was comfortably ensconced at Mrs Morris's Canbelego hotel when the welcome drops played soft, consoling, patting music on the corrugated roof on the morning of Friday, November 28th. The fulness of that music forms the only bright page on our present year's history, and we hope that centuries may roll between before the absence of abundant rain is again so keenly felt as it was on that occasion. However, the chief object of this article is not the indulgence of bright anticipations, but to give a brief account of the township which has recently been created, and a description of the mine which is alone responsible for its creation. After a lapse of two years, since the writer previously saw Canbelego, the carpenter's hammer has wrought many changes. In 1900, various 'humpies' and tents, visible now and then through the scrub, constituted the township, whilst a whip pole, manager's office, and blacksmith's shop were about the only surface evidences which betokened a mine; although deep down below sufficient was revealed to the mining expert (we use the term in the higher sense) to warrant the expenditure of thousands of pounds, which culminated this year in the completion of one of, if not the most compact and complete gold-mining plants (with a mine beneath fully worthy of the improvements thereon) to be found in N.S.W., if not Australia. Being only an ordinary, untravelling pressman, it is, perhaps, unnecessary to say right here that the foregoing comment is not ours, but the general opinion expressed by men who know what they are talking about. Cobar people not long since looked on Boppy Mount as a very small place indeed, very suitable for a railway Sunday School picnic in good seasons, or an ideal spot at which one might revel in the charms of solitude, where Adam's race would not be very troublesome, or the beauties of Nature come too obstructive. But to the visitor to-day it is once again apparent that this portion of the Never-Never has been redeemed from semi-obscure. It may be justly asked—"What has effected this change?" and the answer comes quickly.

THE MINE'S SUCCESS.

Out of the 17 leases held by the Co. only one is being worked. The area of this is 13 acres. In January it was estimated that 100,000 tons of ore of an average value of 18 to 14 1/2 dwts were in sight. The extraction last year showed equal to 90 per cent, or 11 or 20 gwt. That is a splendid achievement, 13,410 tons having been treated. The profits for last year's seven months' work amounted to £5,125, out of which a 5 per cent. dividend was paid, leaving the credit balance for the year on the working account at £208. The expenditure in the year also included large amounts spent on development work and machinery, which will not occur again. A 5 per cent. dividend is not much, certainly, in mining, but when it is pointed out that the profits were made in a little over half the year, and while preliminary work was being done, the ratio of interest goes up. Then, also, the slimes plant had not been finished. This will result in an almost complete extraction of the gold. At present there are nearly 200 men employed.

CHAT WITH THE MANAGER.

We found Mr Thomas White, lately of the Myall gold fields, at his office. He has only been a few months on the field. Mr White, like the late Mr Vale, is a quiet gentleman who gives the interviewer information in an unassuming way. Withal, he is courteous and concise, and makes the reporter feel that he cannot be such a nuisance as he is. Previously there was some doubt as to whether the ore body extended beneath No. 2 level, 200ft. The manager had a crosscut put in from the bottom of the shaft, in a westerly direction, locating the lode, the width of which is yet unknown. Although going several feet through lode matter the hanging wall has not yet been struck. This is a most valuable discovery, as far as the future of the mine is concerned, proving that the value and extent of the ore is maintained at the deepest level worked. Above the 200ft level large ore bodies exist, being in places 150ft wide. The mill supply is being taken from all three levels now, sufficient being hauled in one shift to keep the mill going for the 24 hours. The slightly increased inflow of water is due to striking the lode at the bottom level. Some drifts in the mine already extend for 500ft, which shows the great extent of the reef, which is purely a quartz. The ore is simple to treat, being accompanied by no amalgamation difficulties whatever. About 2500 tons per month is now being treated by the 40 stamps, each set up crushing about 2 1/2 tons in the 24 hours. The new find at the 800ft is such as will most probably cause the directors to seriously consider the matter of increasing the plant, and just here I might state that the Chairman of Directors informed the shareholders in January that the output of the mine could be doubled for about £15,000 or £20,000. For the present, there is at least one 24 hours' sufficient for several years. The new find is similar to one that nearer the surface, being free from anything of a refractory nature.

ABOUT THE MILL, ETC.

The poppet legs are at least 60ft high, with the working brace at about 30ft up. The trucks are wheeled out of the cages and within each cage are tipped on to two sets of gizzlies, through which the ore passes into two huge ore bins below, whilst the large pieces of rock reach the same destination through two rock-breakers. These crush in 8 hours sufficient ore for the three shifts. A roadway runs under each ore bin, and the trucks are mechanically filled by the opening of trap doors, thereby saving handling. They are then shifted on to an endless wire rope, which hauls them up a steep incline and right into the mill room. The roadways run over the main mill ore bin, which runs the full length of the room, and the ore is tipped where required by an attendant, the empty trucks being taken back to the rock breaker ore bins by the same endless rope. The mill consists of eight mortar boxes of five stamps each. The cam shaft is driven by belt applied to each battery, the stamps being automatically fed from the ore bin. The amalgamating tables are 14ft long, and the tailings pass out through fluting into a well. Revolving in this well is a huge Raff wheel, of 40ft diameter. By this means the tailings are elevated to a height of about 32ft, from which they gravitate through fluting to the cyanide vats some 40ft away. At Canbelego a similar well by a centrifugal pump, but the latter seeing to experience a costly water saving to the rapid wear and tear. The Raff wheel does its work noiselessly and completely, and requires very little power to drive it—in fact about 2 h.p. is sufficient. The wheel seldom requires any other attention than that of lubrication. It is said to be the only wheel of its kind used in mining in Australia, except W.A. The wheel makes three and a half revolutions a minute, and is quite equal to double the work demanded of it. Some 12ft from the vats there are four distributing launders, one per each cyanide vat.

THE BOPPY GOLD-MINING COMPANY.

A few words as to the history of the Company and its mission may be interesting. On Myargula holding, about 8 1/2 miles from the railway, prospectors struck a reef on a pine flat which gives little or no surface indications of mineral wealth. What induced them to prospect in this spot is not known to the writer, but the fact remains that they discovered one of the most defined quartz gold-bearing reefs in the Cobar district. Unlike many others, too, it continues good with depth, being richer at the 800ft level than higher up. However, the property eventually passed into the hands of the Anglo-Australian Exploration, Limited, who developed the property very considerably, sinking four shafts on the line of reef to considerable depths, by which they proved the extent of their property. Towards the latter part of 1899 the proprietors placed their proposition on the London market, and it was very quickly taken up by subscribers which to-day constitute the present company. The nominal capital of the Co. is £110,000. Of this £70,000 represented the purchase of the land and the lease of the Gallymont machinery, which the vendors gave in respect of 70,000 paid-up shares. The machinery was estimated at £40,000 and the lease at £30,000. Of the other 40,000 shares in the company three-fourths were offered to the public, which provided a working capital of £30,000. The company now holds 692 shares in reserve, and in the event of more money being needed these can be placed on the market. The aggregate area of the leases is 198 acres. When the Co. was floated there were 35,477 tons of ore in sight, the assay value of which was calculated at 14 1/2 dwts to the ton. The Gallymont mill was said to be one of the best in the colony of its size, having cost £27,500. It was practically new, having been in use for a comparatively short space of time.

Like all English corporations, this Co. is as tight as an oyster, and all vital information only filters to us through the London office. As it is truly the Company's concern, they have every right to mind their own business, but the public of Cobar, who are naturally anxious to hear of the success, or otherwise, of all mining speculations in this locality. Regarding my peregrinations on this field, I can only say that I found no one in charge from the general manager down through the various departments, most obliging and willing in imparting information descriptive of the plant and the mine, for which they have my best thanks. However, the annual meeting of shareholders, held this year in London, has established the success of the proposition. From that report we glean just a little information to show

HE'S STARTED AGAIN

CYCLES CHEAP, SUPERIOR, STRONG AND SATISFACTORY. Owing to the late fire in Paula's Terrace, and by which my Cycle Depot was destroyed, as well as a large quantity of stock, I desire to state to my numerous patrons that I have re-opened in premises opposite Gould's Terrace, and hope to receive a continuance of their liberal support. Having purchased a new stock of the latest Cycle Fittings, I am now in a position to supply the

SUCCESS BICYCLES

from £13 upwards—all roadster machines and guaranteed for two years. Rubbers 25 per cent. cheaper than any of the kind previously sold in Cobar. Moley's Frame Tubes from 6s. Tyres from 12s 6d.

M. J. CORBETT'S SUCCESS Cycle Manufactory

WHITE CLIFFS RACING CLUB

Summer Meeting, January 26, '03

Programme—1. FLYING HANDICAP of 15 sows, about 6 furlongs. Two sows from stake with sweepstake of 5s from starter—second horse. Nomination 10s, acceptance 5s. 2. HANDICAP HACK RACE of 5 sows, about 6 furlongs. Sweepstake of 2s from starters to go to second horse. Flying Handicap for 15 sows, about 6 furlongs. Nomination 10s, acceptance 5s. 3. ARNVALS HANDICAP of 15 sows, about 1 1/2 miles, 5 sows from stake with sweepstake of 10s from starter to go to second horse. Winner Flying Handicap to carry a penalty of 5s. 4. OPEN HANDICAP of 10 sows, about 1 mile. A waiter handicap, minimum weight 8st. Nov 7 to 6d, accept 10s. 5. FURLOUGH HANDICAP of 10 sows, about 1/2 mile. (Hack Race excepted), optional losers and all horses nominated for meeting. Nom 5s, no acceptance necessary.

A J C Rules strictly adhered to. Nominations for the Flying Handicap and Anniversary Handicap to be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 8.15 Thursday, January 8th, 1903, accompanied by nomination fees, color, age, pedigree, last three performances of horse, color, rider, names of owner and all parties interested in such horse.

Weights for same to appear on Saturday 10th, 1903, at Tattersall's Hotel. Acceptances for same close 6 p.m. Thursday, January 22nd, 1903, when entire Open Handicap and Handicap Hack Race also close. All horses entered will be considered accepted and owners held liable for fees.

The winner of any handicap of the value of £12 or over after declaration of weight to carry a penalty of 7lb, and £10 or more such carry a penalty of 10lb.

For all events last three performances necessary. G. S. MAIDEN, Secretary White Cliffs Race Club.

N.S.W. Government Railway CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 1902.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all stations to all (except suburban sections) connecting with the day trains leaving terminal stations on FRIDAY, 12th December, 1902, and after by all trains until THURSDAY, January 10th, 1903, both days inclusive, available for return for one calendar month from date of issue.

Special Cheap Excursion to Sydney.

FRIDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1902. TICKETS at the specially low fare of 14d per mile first-class return (minimum 6d) and 1d per mile second-class return (minimum 3d) from all stations to Sydney, intermediate stations by special train leaving Cobar at 4.45 p.m. on FRIDAY, 13th December, 1902, and returning to Cobar at 9 p.m. on SUNDAY, 15th December, 1902. Return fares to Sydney:—First-class 4s, second-class 2s 6d, third-class 2s. For handbills and further particulars apply to stationmasters.

Cheap Excursion to Melbourne.

WEDNESDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1902. CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to Melbourne from the local hotels, plus the through Melbourne excursion fare, viz. £2 10s 6d, and £2 10s second-class. Such tickets will be issued by train leaving Cobar at 4.45 p.m. on FRIDAY, 13th December, 1902, and returning to Cobar at 9 p.m. on SUNDAY, 15th December, 1902. For further particulars see handbills posted.

P. SCHULZ, of the COBAR PLUMBER AND IRON WORKS.

WROSE's business premises were recently destroyed by fire, begs to thank his numerous patrons for their generous support in the past, and also desires to inform that he has erected a workshop at the site as hitherto, where he hopes to receive a continuance of their favors.

TANKS, any size, made to order on short notice, and most reasonable Station orders promptly attended to. Now is the time to have your houses fitted with the water mains.

P. SCHULZ, TINSMITH AND PLUMBER.