Notice.

The list of subscriptions will close on or before noon on Tuesday, April 9th, 1895.

Mr. W. B. P. Fell, Managing Director in Cue of the Lady Mary Amalgamated Gold Mining Company (Limited), cables on the 8th February as follows:—"Tons crushed, 62. Actual realised value of the bullion, £1,600. Selected ore developments promise well."

Mr. William H. Nicholas, M.E.M.M., states:—"The lode is very even and regular; lies between easy working granite on the "foot-wall" and a soft silky clay slate "hanging wall," and will average 2ft. 6in. in width from one end to the other." Again, "From end to end (220ft. along the reef) the quartz shows gold freely, and is of very good quality."

Lying at grass at the shafts mentioned are about 220 tons of stone. This shows gold freely, and will yield a very high average per ton. Over 200 tons taken from this pile has yielded 7oz. per ton.

Mr. John Waugh, M.E., says:—"The owners have been working the property for the past 2½ years. The reef has been proved for nearly 200ft. along its length by the several shafts. The reef improves in appearance with depth, and the stone at present being extracted below water level is richer even than that nearer the surface."

THE "EMPEROR GOLD MINES" (LIMITED), Murchison District, Western Australia.

Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890.

Capital £75,000, divided into 75,000 Shares of £1 each.

Of the above, 25,000 shares will be issued to the vendor in part payment of the purchase consideration, and 20,000 shares set aside for working capital, of which 5,000 will be held in reserve for future issue if necessary, thus providing an available cash working capital of £15,000.

45,000 Shares are now offered for public subscription, payable 2s. 6d. on application, 7s. 6d. on allotment, 5s. on 15th May, 1895, 5s. on 15th June, 1895.

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PROSPECTUS.

This Company has been formed to acquire and work the property held under Gold Mining Lease No. 191, and known as the "Emperor."

It embraces an area of 12 acres, and lies between the well-known "Day Dawn" and "Trenton" Mines, about 5½ miles from Cue, in the Murchison Goldfield, West Australia.

A very fine gold quartz reef runs through the property, averaging 2½ feet thick, and dipping at a steep angle (about 70 deg.)

Development work has been carried on for over two years, and has been entirely paid for by the gold won during operations by means of the simple and rudimentary appliances usually to be found on a new goldfield.

REPORTS.

Reports on the property have been furnished to the then owners by the following gentlemen:—William H. Nicholas, M.E.M.M.; John Waugh, M.E.; and Jonathan Bray, Manager Trenton Mine. Mr. Colin J. McCulloch has made a separate and independent report, addressed to the directors. Particular attention is requested to these Reports, which are annexed hereto. The statements in this Prospectus are extracts from such Reports.

WATER.—Mr. Jonathan Bray says:—"The water question is a very favourable feature in this matter. From my experience in this goldfield, I feel certain there will be sufficient water to supply a 10 or 20-head stamp mill by sinking a main shaft 100 feet deeper and tapping the lode. At present, although the main shaft is only 18 feet below water level, there is more than sufficient water supply for the two head of stamps at present upon the property."

Mr. John Waugh writes:—"There will be no difficulty regarding a plentiful supply of water for battery purposes, and there is now in the mine sufficient water to keep five heads of stamps running, and the quantity will be increased as the mining operations are carried to depth."

PERMANENCY OF REEF.

Mr. Jonathan Bray states:—"The country is composed of a fine, brown, soft schist, which, in my opinion, is an excellent indication of the permanency of the reef, and which is economical to work."

Mr. Wm. H. Nicholas says:—"The very favourable and settled appearance of both stone and formation is strong proof of the permanency of the lode, and justifies the opinion that it will continue to great depth."

Mr. Colin J. McCulloch writes:—"During the course of sinking the quartz appeared to be making larger, stronger looking in appearance, and more solid, the well-defined foot and hanging walls giving a look of permanency to the reef which bids fair to live almost to any depth."

ECONOMY OF WORKING.

Mr. John Waugh says the ground being easily worked on the "Emperor" and adjoining properties, I estimate that stone can be raised and crushed very economically. Mr. Jonathan Bray writes:—"Providing the Mine is systematically opened up, a suitable main shaft sunk to a depth of (say) 250 feet, with necessary levels and winzes, I believe that ore can be raised and milled at a cost not exceeding 27s 6d per ton, and this should be reduced as soon as the railway is opened."

GENERAL.

Mr. Wm. H. Nicholas, Associate of the School of Mines, Ballarat, writing on October 25th, 1894, says:—

Lying "at grass" at the shafts mentioned are about 220 tons of stone. This shows gold freely, and will yield a very high average per ton. Over 200 tons from this pile has yielded 8oz. per ton. The lode was cut through in this shaft (No. 1 vertical), and from the stone taken out in sinking only over 90oz. of gold were dollied. A drive has been put in 40 feet along the course of the lode at 6 feet below water level. The stone here shows even stronger than in the higher levels, and is apparently making larger with depth. A clean up gave 22½oz. of smelted gold for four days' crushing, the result of the work of one miner. The property is one of the best that I have seen. On the field sufficient water exists already to supply a five-head mill, and an ample supply for all purposes is assured. The Mine has been opened in a workmanlike manner, the very large quantity of high-grade stone is in sight and at grass, and immediately on the erection of milling machinery good returns and profits will result.

Mr. John Waugh, reporting on 19th October, 1894, says:—"The reef would, in my opinion, yield over 5 oz. of gold per ton by milling. A large quantity of gold, viz., 1,400 to 1,500 oz., has been won from some 35 tons of stone, the tailings of which are still upon the ground. The reef improves in appearance with depth, and the stone at present being extracted below water level is richer even than that nearer the surface. I have no hesitation in saying that the 'Emperor' is one of the very best properties on the Murchison goldfield, which should, by practical management, give handsome returns from the first day machinery starts working. A thoroughly genuine investment."

Mr. Jonathan Bray, Manager of the Trenton Mine, in his report, dated October 18th, 1894, states:—"I have conclusive proof that the stone raised from the shafts has averaged between 3 and 4 oz. per ton. The area has been so judiciously pegged that it is quite impossible that the lode can underlie out of the property, as the reef is very vertical. I have perfect confidence in recommending this property as a bona-fide investment, which only requires capital and systematic working to become a regular dividend-paying concern."

Mr. Colin J. McCulloch writes:—"Several shafts and costeens have been put down on the block, disclosing the size and quality of the reef, which I estimate to average close on 3ft. for the whole length of the line. It is, to all appearances, a genuine fissure lode."

Particular attention is requested to the full reports herein, from which the above extracts are taken. The Directors have fully satisfied themselves, from inquiries they have made, as to the reliability as experts of Messrs. Bray and McCulloch respectively. The reports of these gentlemen are considered the principal ones, and cover most of the points in those of Messrs. Nicholas and Waugh. With regard to the latter, the Directors have not, in the time at their disposal, been able to obtain from Australia the information they required concerning their standing and authority. Their reports however, being before the Directors, the Directors have, notwithstanding, thought it right, in the interests of intending subscribers, to set them out in this Prospectus, and to call attention to the main features.

The following contracts have been entered into:—(1) Dated 4th March, 1895, between John Goldworth Greayer, Mylius Cohen and the New Securities Corporation, Limited; (2) dated 4th April, 1895, between the said John Goldworth Greayer, by the said Mylius Cohen, his attorney, of the one part, and this Company of the other part, the vendors to the Company undertake out of their profit the payment of all expenses attendant on the incorporation of this Company and the issue of its capital (including the underwriting of a portion thereof) down to allotment.

The purchase price has been fixed by the vendors at £55,000 payable as to £20,000 in cash, £25,000 in fully-paid shares (being the largest number of shares permissible under the rules of the Stock Exchange) and the balance, £10,000, in cash or shares at the option of the Directors, and the Vendors will guarantee the subscription of a cash working capital of £15,000. There are other agreements entered into by the vendors to which the Company is not a party, which are or may be contracts within the meaning of the 38th Section of the Companies Act, 1867. Applicants shall be deemed to have had full notice of such agreements, and to have agreed with the Company, as trustees for the directors and other persons interested, to waive any further compliance with that section or otherwise, and subscriptions are received upon that condition only. The originals of the reports can be seen at the offices of the Company, and the above contracts, and copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association can be inspected by intending subscribers at the offices of the solicitors to the Company. Applications for shares should be made on the form accompanying the prospectus, and, together with a deposit of 2s 6d per share, should be forwarded to the bankers of the Company, Messrs. Brown, Janson, & Co., or Messrs. Charles Hopkinson and Sons, to whom cheques should be made payable.

Prospectuses and forms of application for shares may be obtained from the Bankers, Brokers, or Secretary to the Company.

If no allotment be made all application money will be returned in full.

London, 4th April, 1895.

TRAP ACCIDENT AT SIDMOUTH JUNCTION.

A trap accident happened near Sidmouth Junction yesterday morning to a gentleman from London, who was driving a valuable grey mare belonging to Mr. Harris, of Payhembury. It appears that after starting from the Railway Hotel the mare commenced kicking. She smashed the splash board of the trap and damaged the lamps. The gentleman jumped from the trap, and thus, possibly, saved himself from injury.

ALLHALLOWS SCHOOL SPORTS.

Yesterday, at Honiton, Allhallows School Athletic Sports were held on the School ground. The band of D Company 3rd V.B.D.R., under the conductorship of Bugle-Major Russell, was in attendance. The programme was as follows:—

Throwing the cricket ball—G Ellett, 87yds 1ft 8in.

220 yards hurdle race—1, King; 2, Street.

Long jump (open)—1, Byrde; 2, W Street.

High jump (open)—A Cameron, 4ft. 9in.

100 yards flat race (open)—1, King; 2, E Byrde. Time, 11 2-5sec.

Long jump—1, Moffat; 2, A Rawlins. Distance, 14ft. 6in.

Quarter mile (open)—1, King; 2, G Ellett. Time, 61sec.

220 yards (under 12), handicap—1, C Davidson; 2, Haggard.

Half mile handicap—1, P Baker; 2, Stead.

100 yards (under 11)—1, D Baker; 2, C Hawes.

100 yards (under 14)—1, White; 2, Palmer.

One mile (open)—1, Butt; 2, Davys.

High jump (under 5ft 2in)—1, C Songhurst; 2, Moffatt.

Kicking football (1st XV.)—1, A Cameron.

Kicking football (2nd XV.)—1, C Songhurst.

Donkey race—1, Davys and Trevitick; 2, H Street and Kite.

Consolation race—1, A Cameron; 2, Johnson.

The prizes were afterwards distributed by Mrs Byrde.

TEIGNMOUTH BOYS' BRIGADE.

Last evening an interesting entertainment and meeting was given by the 1st Teignmouth Company Boys' Brigade at the Assembly Rooms, Teignmouth. In the absence of Mr. C. R. Collins, the President, through ill-health, Colonel Halford Thompson presided over a large audience, and was supported by Colonel Nightingale, the Rev. E. Mossorop, Dr. F. E. Pigott, Mr. T. W. Hutchings, Mr. J. St. Kneller, and Mr. Pearson Friend. The Teignmouth Company consists of four squads, comprising 97 boys and 5 officers, Captain Haymes being in command. The members of the Dawlish Company were also in attendance, under Captain Phillips. The annual balance-sheet was presented, and showed a balance in hand of 5s 1d. The Chairman referred to the interest taken in the Brigade by Mr. C. R. Collins, whose absence they all regretted, and said he was pleased to be present to support the movement, which was having a beneficial influence on the lives of boys. (Applause.) Captain Haymes afterwards put members of the corps through attractive physical exercises, and Lieutenant Forrest and members of the Ambulance Class gave a demonstration of how to render first aid to the wounded. During the evening Mrs. F. C. Piggott distributed prizes as follows:—Squad challenge medal for best attendance during the year—No. 4 Squad, Sergeant Matthews. Best attendance for the month—No. 3 Squad, Sergeant Bull. The following also took prizes for regularity:—Pte. Dart, Pte. Pedrick, and Fifer White.

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the monthly meeting of the St. Thomas District Council Mr. Mark Farrant presided, and there were also present Messrs. A. A. Mackeith, T. Snow, J. Campfield, J. Stocker, W. F. Quicke, Stormonth, S. J. Priston, W. Brealey, J. Bates, and Westacott. Mr. Snow gave notice to move at the next meeting that the rate of 2s 6d made at the last meeting be rescinded, and that the amount of rate be determined afresh. On the recommendation of the Fire Brigade Committee, it was resolved that two members of the Brigade be dismissed in consequence of their conduct at the Well Park fire. The supply of water for sanitary purposes at Exwick was reported to be unsatisfactory, and Mr. Mackeith said he was attending several cases of sickness at Exwick which he concluded arose from deficient water supply. Referred to the Water Committee, with power to act forthwith. Plans for the erection of new offices for the Council were adopted, and the amount to be borrowed left to the Finance Committee. The Medical-officer's report showed that out of 26 deaths during March one was attributed to influenza. Mr. Bates moved, and Mr. Westacott seconded, that contractors be required to pay Trade Union rates of wages and observe Trade Union hours, and that no sub-letting be allowed without the consent of the Council. Mr. Stocker moved, and Mr. Snow seconded, an amendment that such conditions should be inserted as circumstances arose. On a division the amendment was carried.

A NEW DRILL HALL FOR SIDMOUTH.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE.

SIR JOHN KENNAWAY AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

Through the generosity of Mr. J. G. G. Radford in giving a site, and through the exertions of Captain J. A. Orchard, the commander of the Sidmouth Company of Rifle Volunteers, a new Drill Hall is to be erected at Sidmouth, and when completed will form a pleasing termination to the east end of the Esplanade. The view to be obtained from a proposed balcony will be very beautiful, as the new building will overlook the intended pleasure-grounds, the mouth of the river Sid, and the sea. For years past the Company used the Market Hall, by the permission of Captain Balfour, as a Drill Hall, but recently they have had to be content with a small shed at the Gas Works, a building quite inadequate for the purpose. The new structure will probably cost £1,350, and this money it is proposed to raise by mortgage and friendly loans after the inhabitants of the town have exhibited their generosity. Mr. James Jerman, F.R.I.B.A., Exeter, is acting as honorary architect, and he has prepared plans for a building which, when finished, cannot fail to be generally admired. In the basement will be large stores for boats and dressing-rooms. A reading-room and a store-room will, with the Drill Hall, be on the ground floor. The main hall will measure 60ft. by 32ft. in the clear, and will be 21ft. high. Opening on to a balcony will be four French windows, and all necessary exits to ensure the safety of the public are to be provided. Over the reading and store-rooms and entrance will be found a Club-room, 22ft. by 17ft. At the rear of the building will be a residence for Sergeant-Instructor Doyle. The front facade is sure to be universally admired. It will be of the Italian renaissance style, and will consist of pressed bricks with box ground Bath stone dressing, and curved oval and bay windows. In a pedimented gable a clock will be placed. Two inscription tablets are to be fixed in the front wall recording the names of the donor of the site, the young lady who laid the stone, Mrs. Kennet-Were, who will perform the opening ceremony, the officers, &c., of the Company, the builder, and architect. The Drill Hall is to have an open timbered roof, with hammer beams and tie rods, and a match-boarded ceiling. Messrs. Tucker and Sons, of Sidmouth, will, in all probability, be the builders.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone took place last evening, and was performed by Miss Constance M. Radford, youngest daughter of the generous donor of the site. The principal streets of the town were gay with bunting, and near the scene of the interesting ceremony the Coastguards, under the superintendence of Chief Officer Ridge, had erected an enclosure and hoisted several flags. Hon. member C. W. Coulson also rendered valuable assistance in the arrangements. The proceedings commenced at 5 o'clock by the members of B Company parading at the old Drill Hall and being inspected by Captain and Adjutant Elgood, Captain Orchard, Lieutenants Vallance and Podbury also being present. The Volunteers, headed by their band, then marched through the principal streets of the town, Captain Orchard remaining at the dence at the Captain's disposal in which to receive his guests. Just before 6 o'clock the Company returned, and were drawn up near the foundation-stone. There was a large number of visitors present, including Colonel Kennaway, R.A., Mrs. Kennaway, Miss Joyce Kennaway, Mrs. Kennet-Were, Major Whittaker, Captain Hastings, Colonel Mewburn, Mrs. R. W. Hine-Haycock, Mrs. and Miss Faulkner, Mr. J. G. G. Radford and the Misses Radford, Mrs. and Miss Orchard, Miss Pullin, Mrs. and Miss Vallance, Mrs. Werner, Lieutenant Lilley, the Rev. H. E. Roberts, etc. As Colonel Sir John Kennaway, with Miss Radford, arrived on the ground the Company presented arms.

Captain Orchard said that the Company was formed about 11 years ago. For a period of nine years they drilled in the Market-room, free of cost, thanks to the kindness of Captain Balfour. Since then that place had been required for other purposes, and they had had to make use of a room not so large as many a drawing-room in Sidmouth. In the presence of Colonel Sir John Kennaway it would ill become him to say anything in respect to the attainments of B Company, but he was proud to know that previous Colonels had spoken highly of the way they acquitted themselves on all occasions. If the Company was to maintain its present proud position, it must have a suitable room in which squad drills could take place. His partner, Mr. Radford, had kindly given them the site upon which they were standing for the purpose of providing a Drill Hall. He was confident the Sidmouth people would assist him with the sinews of war. He did not expect to collect the whole of the money, but if they had to get a loan from kind friends he hoped the debt would soon be wiped off. He was proud to feel he had originated the scheme, and hoped to see it completed. (Applause.)

Colonel Sir John Kennaway, Bart., M.P., after assisting Miss Radford to the platform, said it was his privilege to ask her acceptance of a trowel for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of this new Drill Hall. The Company, ever since its formation, had been honourably distinguished for its efficiency in drill and for its strength, but that could not be maintained without the conveniences necessary to enable the men to learn the rudiments of drill. On the fields of Dartmoor, Woodbury, Haldon, and other places they had shown their efficiency, and they earnestly hoped they might repeat it at Aldershot during the coming summer. The advantages of a Drill Hall must be patent to all, and they could have nothing which would conduce more to that esprit de corps which was so necessary. That was not the place to make a long speech on the Volunteer movement. The country was more and more alive to the benefit of it, and the country would more and more expect the Volunteers to come up to the high standard which was set before them. That Company, and the whole of the Battalion which he had the honour to command, as well as the entire Volunteer Force, aimed at a high standard, so that the country might feel they had a real reserve force which was ready to do its duty, although they hoped it would never be called upon. Sir John then asked Miss Radford to accept the trowel and proceed to lay the foundation-stone. (Applause.)

The trowel, which was supplied by Mr. Passmore, of Sidmouth, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Miss C. M. Radford as a token of respect and regard by the officers, non-commissioned officers, members, and honorary members of the B Company, 3rd V.B. Devon Regiment, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Drill Hall, April 4th, 1895."

The foundation-stone was then laid by Miss Constance Radford on the north-east corner of one of the buttresses of the basement. After completing her duties, Miss Radford said: "I declare this stone well and truly laid, and from the foundation laid this evening may a superstructure be raised perfect in all its parts." (Applause.)

The Volunteers then fired a *feu de joie*, after which cheers were given for the Queen, Colonel Sir John Kennaway, Mr. Radford, and Captain Orchard.

DAWLISH DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PROPOSED PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

The monthly meeting of Dawlish Urban District Council was held yesterday. The members present were Messrs. F. M. Cann (Chairman), H. L. Friend, J. Horsham, J. H. G. Lamacraft, G. T. Oliver, J. Gamlin, W. C. Tapper, and G. A. Border.

ALLOTMENTS.—The Allotments Committee reported that, in answer to the advertisements, they had received letters from Messrs. R. B. Ferris and Richard Williams, who offered ground at Stockton Hill and Pathfields, the former at £8 per acre, the latter offering a whole field at £10 per annum from Michaelmas next, but not stating how many acres. It was resolved by the Committee that the consideration of the subject be adjourned as the tenders were not satisfactory, and that the Clerk be instructed to write to the contractors for fuller particulars. The report was adopted.

PROPOSED REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS.—Mr. Friend asked to be allowed to bring forward a subject which did not often come under their ken. They lived in a progressive age, and they were told that people should keep pace with the times. It was in view of that, and the fact of the passing in the House of Commons of a resolution in favour of the payment of members, that he was taking the present course. If a payment was to be made to one set of servants of the nation who gave their time and talents for the benefit of their fellow men, why not extend that to all who acted in like manner? If they were going to gild the top of the tree they should also gild the lower branches. (Laughter.) He moved, "That a petition be presented from this Council to the Right Hon. C. Seale-Hayne, M.P., requesting him to take such step as may be necessary to endeavour to add such clauses to the 'Payment of Members' Bill' as may include the following, viz., payment of Justices of the Peace, of County Councillors, of Town Councillors, of members of Boards of Guardians, of District Councillors, of Parish Councillors, of Overseers, and of Common Jurymen." (Laughter.) Mr. Oliver said it was a matter that should be brought before a public meeting, and not there. Mr. Horsham seconded the motion. The Clerk suggested that Mr. Friend should limit his motion to District Councillors, because members of Boards of Guardians might not care about it. Mr. Lamacraft agreed with Mr. Oliver that it was a subject to be considered at a public meeting, and moved that they proceed to the next business. Mr. Oliver seconded. Two members voted for the amendment and a similar number against. The Chairman then gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, remarking that the proposition was a little premature. Mr. Friend said he thought they were progressing. (Laughter.)

A NEW RATE.—The Clerk presented his estimate of receipts and expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1896. The former were put down at £255 10s, and the latter at £2,762 10s 6d. The Finance Committee recommended a rate of 3s in the £, which was estimated to produce £2,700, less voids and irrecoverables, £280—£2,420. Mr. Oliver said the rate proposed would scarcely cover their ordinary expenditure. They were going on year after year in debt. They would be able to make no permanent improvements, or get anything done, so long as they kept the rates down. At Ilfracombe they were carrying out improvements, and had a rate of 4s in the £. In Dawlish they stuck in the mud. Mr. Friend moved that the recommendation of the Committee be agreed to. He said increasing the rates would not bring people to the town. With the present depression in trade and agriculture visitors had not the money to spend there. Mr. Horsham seconded the motion, pointing out that the proposed rate was 3d higher than before. The Clerk said if they desired to make special improvements they could borrow the money. Mr. Gamlin proposed that the rate be 2s 9d. Nobody seconded this, and the Committee's recommendation was agreed to.

HEALTH REPORT.—The Medical-officer presented a satisfactory report, stating that there had been no notifications for the year. He reported dwellings that were not in a satisfactory state, and the Council decided to consider at their next meeting the desirability of putting into force the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act.

EXETER SCHOOL BOARD.

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of Exeter School Board was held yesterday. The members present were Mr. T. Andrew (Chairman), Revs. W. Howard and W. David, Messrs. R. R. M. Daw, W. Dunn, W. H. Casley, Loram, and J. A. Mackey. The minutes of the Board in Committee on the 31st March showed that Miss Ann Martin Lucraft, of Bloxham, was appointed Head-Mistress of the Exe Island Infants' School, at the usual salary of £80 a year fixed, and a portion of the grant, the whole salary not to exceed £100 a year. The appointment was confirmed. A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Harvey, teacher of physical exercises, on the subject of instructing the teachers and pupils, and stating that the work in the schools was progressing satisfactorily. In accordance with notice of motion, Mr. Loram proposed "That the re-building of the Paradise-School is absolutely necessary if it is to be carried on in the same place." He said the present school was quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the education of the children who attended there, and he was fortified in that opinion by a report he had received from the Board's architect, Mr. Jerman. He stated that to put the school in order it would cost between £500 and £600. Even with that expenditure the premises could not be constructed on modern lines. It would be better to erect new buildings, the probable cost of which would be £2,000. That spread over the rateable area of the city, and the gradual payment of the loan would amount to about one-tenth of a penny in the £. The Board had been very economical in the past, and had only a rate of a little over 4d, whereas many other Boards had levied rates of over 8d and 10d. He thought the citizens would not object to this expenditure. Mr. Dunn seconded the motion, and said it was absolutely necessary that there should be a fresh school erected. It was a question whether it should be on the same site. Mr. Daw said if they could put the school into a thoroughly efficient state by an expenditure of £500 it would not be wise to spend £2,000. He proposed, as an amendment, that before committing the Board to an expenditure of £2,000, the opinion of the Departmental architect be obtained as to the necessity of a new school. If he recommended a fresh building they could go on with it. The Rev. W. David seconded. Mr. Loram said he had no objection to this course being adopted, and withdrew his motion. Mr. Daw's amendment was then carried unanimously. The Rev. W. Howard said the result of the last Queen's Scholarship Examination was most satisfactory. There were twelve candidates, all of whom passed—seven in the first class and five in the second. Four were from Board Schools, Alice Bundark, of Newtown School, being placed 177th on the list out of about 3,000.

The Committee of the Royal College of Surgeons yesterday elected Mr. Christopher Heath President of the College.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions of our correspondents. We cannot enter into any discussion concerning rejected communications; if not inserted they are destroyed.

We shall be happy to answer in this column any reasonable questions on matters of public interest.

VOTING ON THE CHURCH BILL.

To the Editor of the Daily Gazette.

Sir, I trust you will publish in your Friday's edition a list of how the Devonshire members voted on the Church of Wales Disestablishment and Disendowment Bill.

I think few Conservatives will support, at the next election, any Liberal Unionist who voted for that measure. I, for one, will not do so.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
A CONSERVATIVE ELECTOR.

Heavitree, April 3, 1895.

[The voting was as follows:—With the majority in favour of the measure—Mr. A. H. D. Acland, Mr. A. Billson, Mr. Seale-Hayne, Mr. H. E. Kearley, Mr. G. Lambert, Mr. H. F. Luttrell, and Sir G. Newnes. Among the minority were Sir M. H. Beach, Sir J. Kennaway, Sir E. Clarke, Mr. T. T. Bucknill, Mr. C. J. Darling, Mr. W. Long, Mr. H. Y. B. Lopes, Mr. R. Mallock, Mr. F. B. Mildmay, Sir Stafford Northcote, and the Hon. W. F. D. Smith. Sir William Walrond and Sir William Pearce both paired against the second reading.—ED. *D. & E. D. G.*]

HALWILL-CUM-BRADWORTHY BOARD SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the Daily Gazette.

Sir,—As your valuable paper circulates largely in this district, may I as a ratepayer seek through it some information on the above subject? since outsiders of the Board hear little or nothing of its doings, and might almost conclude it has dissolved. As far as I can learn, however, the attendances at both Schools are simply disgraceful—sometimes only about half the average on the register—and this not to be accounted for by bad weather or sickness. Is this the way to earn a good grant, which depends almost entirely on attendances? Is it encouraging or even fair to the masters, who share the grant as part of their stipend? On the contrary, is it not most discouraging and downright unfair to place them in such a position? But this, of course, is their affair, and, doubtless, they are capable of taking care of themselves.

But, still, as a sharer of the heavy expenses of the Board, I may fairly claim to see the management of the Schools carried out to the best advantage by those who so eagerly aspire to be the managers. Yet I very much fear they are simply going to the bad, and will hardly exist ere long without some radical change for the better.

But it may be asked, why is the position of Board member so eagerly sought after, and such immense trouble taken in canvassing, &c., to get it, and, when obtained, no interest apparently shown in doing the duties of the office? Is it the honour or dignity of the thing that draws? Well, I confess I can see no honour or dignity either, but rather shame and disgrace in thrusting oneself into an office, paid or unpaid, which is almost entirely neglected, or performed by an attendance at the Board meetings now and then. Nor do I think it even honest so to act.

Would it not be well if the ratepayers at a future election of members, before promising their votes, questioned the candidates whether they meant to be mere ornaments or workers on the Board?

Yours faithfully,
A RATEPAYER.

THE QUEENSBERRY LIBEL CASE.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MR. OSCAR WILDE.

The Marquis of Queensberry surrendered to his bail, at the Central Criminal Court on a charge of publishing a defamatory libel on Mr. Oscar Wilde, by addressing to him a card at the Albemarle Club. Lord Queensberry answered the indictment by pleading, first, not guilty, and secondly, that the libel was true and was published for the public benefit.

Sir E. Clarke, in opening the case for the prosecution, said very grave issues had been raised, because the defendant in the pleadings alleged that plaintiff had for some time solicited the persons named to commit offences. Coming to Lord Queensberry's action, the learned counsel said the jury might have doubts whether the defendant was responsible for his actions. Counsel read a postcard which charged Mr. Oscar Wilde with certain offences, and further stated that Lord Queensberry had charged Mr. Wilde with soliciting gentlemen to commit grave crimes. He admitted that Mr. Wilde had written Lord Alfred Douglas an extravagant letter. Plaintiff, examined by Sir Edward Clarke, said there was no foundation for the suggestions in the pleadings. Mr. Wilde was cross examined by Mr. Carson, Q.C., at considerable length, and the cross examination was resumed yesterday. Mr. Wilde admitted that he used to go to the upper part of a house, 13, Little College-street, occupied by a man named Taylor. He never saw Taylor attired in a woman's costume or knew that he had one. He used to attend tea parties at Taylor's rooms. Did not know that one of the men frequenting Taylor's house had disappeared within the past week. He did not know that Taylor and a companion named Parker were arrested in a raid on a house in Fitzroy-square last year. Taylor introduced the witness to five young men, to all of whom he gave money. He invited a party to dinner at Kettner's Restaurant. Was not aware that one of them was a valet and the other a coachman. He did not know that certain men who were arrested in the Fitzroy-square raid were connected with the Cleveland-street scandals. He took a young man named Freddy Atkins to Paris, and they stayed at the same hotel. He decided that there had ever been any impropriety with either of the parties mentioned. Mr. E. Carson, Q.C., in opening the defence, said all that Lord Queensberry had done he stood by, and not one of his letters or acts would he withdraw. His lordship had been consistent throughout, and his one object had been to save his son from the dangerous companionship of Mr. Oscar Wilde. Counsel read the letter to Lord Alfred Douglas which the prosecutor had termed a "sonnet," but which he maintained, if sent by a father to a son twenty years his junior, would still be an abominable piece of disgusting immorality. Counsel had not concluded his address when the Court rose.

EXTRADITION OF JABEZ BALFOUR.

A *Pall Mall Gazette* telegram, dated Buenos Ayres, Thursday, says the actual surrender of Jabez Balfour to the English Authorities has taken place. The fugitive left Salta at eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning for Buenos Ayres, in the custody of Inspector Froest. The extradition, now that it has been granted, is not unconditional. The National Fiscal has decided that Balfour's extradition must be made subservient to the Argentine code, whereby the maximum penalty inflicted by the English Courts cannot exceed two years' imprisonment.

AXMINSTER POULTRY MARKET.

YESTERDAY.

Eggs, 7d per dozen; butter, 10d per lb; fowls 6s to 7s per couple; ducks, 6s to 7s 6d; glennies, 6s; turkeys, 10d per lb; rabbits, 8d each.

WELLINGTON CATTLE.—YESTERDAY.

The market was well supplied with sheep, and the supply of beasts was about an average one. There was a brisk inquiry for mutton, which sold at higher prices. Beef, for which there was a fair demand, sold at late rates.

TORRINGTON AND OKEHAMPTON RAILWAY BILL.

Mr. Luttrell M.P., has deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons a petition on behalf of the inhabitants and householders of Hatherleigh in favour of this Bill.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

The Speaker will announce his resignation on Monday afternoon before questions, and will then make a farewell speech. Sir William Harcourt will give notice of moving the customary resolution on Tuesday, and the new Speaker will be elected on Wednesday.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

CROXTON PARK MEETING.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

Yesterday, the Billesdon Coplow Plate was won by Mr F Godson's Arran (15 to 8 on), Outlaw 2, Sir Charles 3; the Granby Handicap by Mr T Phillips's Reprobate (6 to 4 on), Miss Patty 2, Treacle Posset 3; a Selling National Hunt Flat Race Plate, by Mr Cresswell's Cranberry (7 to 1 agst), Whiteskin 2, Cyril H. 3; the Farmers' Plate by Twinkle (6 to 4 agst), Taffy 2, Kit 3; the Waltham Hurdle Race, by Mr F Godson's Arran (6 to 4 on), Revolter 2, Compassion 3; the Croxton Park Stakes, by Mr Leopold de Rothschild's Little Bob (3 to 1 agst), Collapse 2, La Belle 3; and a Private Sweepstakes, by Munroe's Friar, Result 2, Red Tape 3.

EGLINTON HUNT MEETING.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

Yesterday, an Optional Selling Hurdle Race was won by Mr. Barnes's Shottery (100 to 8 agst), Aumbry 2, Queen Light 3; the Bogside Trial Plate, by Mr D Courage's Chilperic (6 to 1 agst), Pickle 2, Little Wilbraham 3; the Scottish Grand National Steeplechase, Mr J A Miller's Nepcote (5 to 4 agst), Aunaby 2, King of the Meadows 3; the Eglinton Welter Plate, by Mr D S Wilson's Glengrant (2 to 1 agst), Armand 2, Bradkirk 3; the Hunt Cup Steeplechase, by Captain Gordon's McCrankie (evens on), Hector 2, Legacy 3; and the Irvine Town Plate, by Mr T Sherwood's Knocklayd (7 to 2 agst), Mr McGregor 2, Dowie Den 3.

ORDER OF RUNNING FOR FRIDAY.—Tryst Again Steeplechase, 1.0; Eglinton Hurdle Race, 1.30; Western Hunts Steeplechase, 2.0; West of Scotland Steeplechase, 2.50; Adamhill Cup, 3.20; Garnock Selling Steeplechase, 4.0; Portland Plate, 4.30.

WARWICK MEETING.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

Yesterday, the Warwick Welter Handicap was won by Mr J W Churton's Pennyless (5 to 2 on), Royal Harry 2, Flowering Fern 3; the Castle Mile Maiden Plate, by Baron de Hirsch's Legal Tender 5 to 1 on), Little Go 2, Bachelor of Arts 3; the Kineton Stakes, by Mr Gubbins's Palace Gate (5 to 2 agst), Miss Archer 2, Queen Monmouth, 3; the Warwick Juvenile Plate, by Mr A Schwabe's Ragimarda (8 to 1 agst), Daphnis 2, Ris de Veau 3; the Swan Meadow Selling Plate, by Mr Durward's Bohemond (20 to 1 agst), Skirt Dance 2, Miss Broadley 3; the County Hurdle Handicap Plate, by Mr H Turner's Astrea (4 to 1 agst), Conway 2, Stanton Hill 3; and in a Match, Mr W Low Hall Mark colt and Mr A James's Julia Mannering filly ran a dead heat, so that all bets are off.

ORDER OF RUNNING FOR FRIDAY.—Budbrook Hurdle Plate, 1.45; Third Biennial Match, 2.15; Town Plate, 2.30; Warwickshire Handicap, 3.0; Grove Park Plate, 3.30; Great Midland National Hunt Flat Race, 4.0; Ladies' Plate, 4.30.

SCRATCHING.—Oatlands out of the Warwickshire Handicap.

LONDON BETTING.—THURSDAY.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

THE DERBY.

4 to 1 agst Raconteur (t
6 to 1 „ Speedwell (t
7 to 1 „ Sir Visto (t
11 to 1 „ Le Var (t
14 to 1 „ Laveno (t
25 to 1 „ Solaro (t

LATEST.

375 to 100 agst Raconteur (t
20 to 1 „ Solaro (t, o

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

CITY AND SUBURBAN, EPSOM, AND KEMPTON JUBILEE STAKES.—Clorane.

WELTER HANDICAP, ALEXANDRA PARK.—Ilium and Soult.

TARPORLEY STEEPLECHASE.—Graig Olway.

ALL ENGAGEMENTS (except those at Sedgefield Meeting).—Gallery.

ALL ENGAGEMENTS.—Dobbin.

Portrush was scratched for the North Metropolitan Handicap, at Alexandra Park, by Mr. C. Peck, on Wednesday, in ignorance of Colonel North having previously given the engagement to his present owner.

The Lincolnshire Stewards will hear the Euclid objection on Wednesday next.

FOOTBALL.

The county football match, Devon v. Middlesex, was played at Exeter, on Wednesday. On time being called, the scores were:—Devon, 1 goal 1 drop goal, and 2 tries (15 points); Middlesex 1 try (3 points).

THE MARKETS.

MANCHESTER CORN.—YESTERDAY.

The market was fairly attended, but trade was rather slow. English and foreign wheat firm at last Thursday's prices. Flour was not in active demand, but recent quotations were fully maintained. Everything else quiet and unchanged on the week.

BRISTOL CORN.—YESTERDAY.

English wheat in small supply, and sold at last week's prices; steady business for foreign; River Plate grain advanced 6d, but other sorts were unaltered. Grinding barley was a shade dearer. Oats and maize without change.

BRISTOL CATTLE.—YESTERDAY.

Moderate supply of fat cattle on offer, for which trade was steady at 58s to 60s per cwt. Fair number of sheep at the market, and the demand was firm at 7½d to 9d per lb. 500 pigs cleared at 7s 9d to 8s 9d per score. 1,000 store cattle found purchasers at late rates.

LONDON CATTLE.—YESTERDAY.

The 170 beasts on offer sold slowly at 2s 10d to 4s 6d. 2,260 sheep and lambs (including 680 American) were weaker: Sheep, 4s 6d to 6s 6d; lambs, 6s 2d to 7s 10d. 45 calves made from 2s 10d to 5s 4d per 8lb. 10 milch cows fetched £14 to £19 per head.

LONDON DEAD MEAT.—YESTERDAY.

Rather large supplies on sale; trade was slow but firm. Quotations:—English beef, 3s 8d to 4s 2d; Scotch, 4s 2d to 4s 4d; American, 3s 8d to 3s 10d; veal, 3s 8d to 4s 8d; British mutton, 4s to 5s 2d foreign ditto, 2s to 4s 4d; lamb, 5s 8d to 6s 4d large pork, 3s to 3s 6d; ditto small, 3s 8d to 4s per 8lb.

NORTHTAWTON MARKET.—YESTERDAY.

Wheat, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel; oats, 1s 10d to 2s; barley, 2s 9d to 3s; flour, fine, 20s per sack; ditto, superfine, 21s; barleymeal, 9s per sack; bran, 4s 6d per cental; sharps, 4s 6d; beef, 10s 6d to 11s per score; pork (large), 7s; pork (small), 7s 6d; potatoes, 10d to 1s per score; wethers, 7d to 8d per lb; ewes, 6d to 6½d; veal 6d to 7d per lb; mutton, 7d to 8d; beef, 7d to 8d; pork, 6d to 7½d; bacon (fresh) 5d to 6d; bacon (salted) 6d to 7d; ducks, 6s to 7s per couple; fowls, 4s 6d to 6s; eggs, 12 for 1s; butter, 1s 2d per lb; pigeons, 6d to 7d each; rabbits, 8d to 9d each; bread, 4d per 4lb loaf; wool, 6½d per lb.

Miscellaneous.

HEPWORTH'S CLOTHING FOR EASTER, 1895.

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CHUDLEIGH FAIR, EASTER TUESDAY. MR. JOHN HELLIER will HOLD an AUCTION, in the Clifford Hotel Yard, for the SALE of FARM STOCK. Present entries: 10 grazing steers and heifers, 10 couples, some large cart colt, 3 ricks of prime hay, 9 large elm and 3 oak trees near the town. Sale at 12 o'clock. Further entries solicited. Harcombe Barton.

SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY. EASTER HOLIDAYS, 1895.

ON THURSDAY, 11th April, CHEAP FAST EXCURSION TRAINS for LONDON will leave Northtawton 11.38 a.m., Southmolton Road 8.54, Crediton 9.40, Exmouth 9.50 a.m., Exeter (Queen-street) 1.5 p.m., Sidmouth 9.50 a.m., Honiton 11.5, Seaton 9.45, and Axminster 11.45 a.m., returning on following Thursday, Friday, or Saturday by any train (11.0 a.m. and 5.0 p.m. Expresses excepted).

From THURSDAY, 11th, to MONDAY, 15th APRIL, CHEAP THIRD-CLASS RETURN TICKETS will be issued from all Stations in the WEST of ENGLAND to LONDON, and by any train by all trains, available to return by any train up to and including WEDNESDAY, 17th April.

On THURSDAY, 11th APRIL, a SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Exeter for Devonport, Plymouth, Barnstaple, Torrington, and Ilfracombe, on arrival (in connection with 5 p.m. train from Waterloo), calling at all Stations.

ON THURSDAY, 11th, and SATURDAY, 13th APRIL, CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to PORTSMOUTH, SOUTHAMPTON, BOURNEMOUTH, WINCHESTER, SALISBURY, &c., by any train from Southmolton Road, Crediton, Exmouth, Exeter, Sidmouth, Honiton, Seaton and Axminster; available to return up to and including TUESDAY, 16th April, by any train.

ON GOOD FRIDAY THE TRAIN SERVICE on all the Lines will be the same as on Sundays, except that the 9.50 a.m. Exeter to Plymouth WILL NOT RUN, but additional trains will run.

ON EASTER MONDAY CHEAP DAY EXCURSIONS WILL RUN to SOUTHAMPTON, PORTSMOUTH, BOURNEMOUTH, WEYMOUTH from certain Stations to EXMOUTH and SEATON from all Stations between Salisbury, Exeter, and Crediton by certain trains. To DEVONPORT and PLYMOUTH from all Stations on the Exmouth Line, Exeter, and all Stations to Lidford, Ferris by Special Train from Exeter. To OKEHAMPTON, BRIDESTOWE, LYDFORD, BRENTOR, TAVISTOCK, BEERALSTON, BERE FERRIS, & ST. BUDEAUX, from Exeter, Exmouth, and stations to Yeoford by certain trains. To BARNSTAPLE, ILFRACOMBE, BIDEFORD, &c., from Exeter by the 9 32 a.m. train. Return (Mondays only) train, Exeter to Waterloo will run on Tuesday, 16th April, instead of on Easter Monday.

For full particulars see programmes.

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Mr. T. H. Hicks, a County Councillor for Cornwall, has been engaged this week in the Barnstaple Division, aiding the candidature of Mr. Cameron Gull, Bart. He addressed meetings at Braunton, Bishop's Tawton, Bickington, and Fremington.

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