

COUNTRY NEWS. PROVINCIAL NEWS.

BURRA, JUNE 19.

The Burra Town Council held their usual meeting last evening, all the members being present. At the request of Councillors Rabbish and Hardy the Council Chamber was cleared of strangers. Councillors Sampson and West protested against the business being conducted with closed doors. A deputation representing the Burra Agricultural Society waited on the Council asking co-operation for the erection of a suitable structure on the Oval, which would be convenient for Show and other purposes. Messrs. P. L. Killcoat, G. W. Hawkes, and T. Sandland, who represented the Society, said the request, if complied with, would be advantageous to all parties using the Oval. The Mayor replied that the matter would receive consideration. Tenders were received for painting of bridges and such work ranging from £7 15s. down to £3 15s., and for the erection of a shed from £4 down to 14s. It was decided that a new assessment of the town should be made for the ensuing year; tenders to be invited from a duly qualified person as an assessor. The finance report showed receipts £167 13s. 9d., payments £66 3s. 11d. Chief Inspector Farrell paid a visit of inspection on Monday last, and expressed satisfaction with the sanitary condition of the town.

STIRLING EAST, JUNE 19.

On Saturday last the Bridgewater club were playing a football match with Stirling, when Mr. W. Wilkinson was tripped, and one or two men falling upon him he had a rib broken.

The Rev. Frederick Tower, M.A., the newly appointed clergyman to Craters, arrived yesterday from Laura. The Rev. R. T. Matthews, M.A., his predecessor, is now stationed at Port Lincoln.

GUMERACHA, JUNE 18.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday-school took place in the Church on Monday evening. The Rev. C. H. Nield presided over a large gathering. On behalf of the teachers and officers Mr. Nield also presented the late Superintendent of the school, Mr. Hosking, with a beautiful illuminated address as a mark of appreciation for past services. The address was prepared by Mr. J. Bruce, of Adelaide.

CARRINGTON, JUNE 18.

Mr. John Edwards, who died on Saturday evening, kept the Carrington Hotel, and formerly occupied similar positions at Jamestown and Stanley Flat.

The weather is still dry but threatening.

PORT PIRIE, JUNE 18.

The Port Pirie Congregational Y.P.S.C.E. held their first social on Monday evening, June 17, in commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the Society. Greetings were delivered from and to the other Societies of O.E. in the district. Songs were rendered by Misses A. Forsaith, M. Goddard, and F. Williams, and a duet by the Misses McCulloch. Refreshments were provided by the members, who with the friends present spent a very enjoyable evening.

PETERSBURG, JUNE 18.

A sudden death occurred this afternoon in Swain's quarry, a short distance out of the town. Mr. James Short was working with Mr. J. G. Swain in the quarry, and while striking the drill fell back and expired. The deceased, who was fifty-five years of age, had only recently taken up a working man's block, having formerly lived in Yongala, where he followed the trade of a wheelwright. He was subject for some time to headache,

where he followed the trade of a wheelwright. He was subject for some time to headache, and complained of it this morning, but went to work as usual. Mr. Swain called Dr. Stevenson immediately after the occurrence, but as the doctor had not been attending deceased he was not able to give a certificate; but Mr. J. W. G. Alford, J.P., having made due enquiry, considered that an inquest was unnecessary, and gave a certificate for burial.

JUNE 19.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall last evening to consider the question of railway extension as proposed by advocates of the Laura to Booleroo and Port Germein to Booleroo lines. The Mayor (Dr. Elliot) presided over a small attendance. The feeling of the majority of those present seemed to be that the colony was not in a position to extend the railway system, and Mr. E. Palmer proposed that the meeting should express the opinion that neither line should be proceeded with. Mr. J. W. G. Alford moved as an amendment—"That this meeting cordially co-operates with Port Germein in advocating the construction of a line of railway from Port Germein to Booleroo." Mr. Alford contended that any other line would be prejudicial to the best interests of the colony, and that if a cheap line were constructed it would prove of great advantage. Mr. W. Heithersay seconded the amendment, which was lost. Finally the resolution moved by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Barrett—"That this meeting strongly disapproves of the construction of either of the lines suggested"—was carried.

The annual meeting in connection with the Wesleyan Home Mission Fund Society was held in the Wesleyan Church last evening. The Rev. A. H. Carnie presided over a good attendance, and gave an address on the work of home missionaries in this and the neighbouring colonies.

WILLOWIE, JUNE 18.

The Model Parliament met last Friday evening, when forty members were present. The Treasurer, Mr. W. Hawke, introduced a Property Tax Bill, the discussion on which was adjourned till Friday next, as was also the debate on the Transcontinental Railway Bill, introduced by the Commissioner of Public Works (Mr. M. Greig). Leave was granted to the Chief Secretary (Mr. W. J. Martin) and to the Minister of Education (Mr. A. Stans) to introduce a Vagrant and Alien Bill, and a Bill to rescind the Free Education Act of 1891 respectively.

LYRUP ASSOCIATION, JUNE 17.

The weather continues dry, and fears are expressed that we shall have little or no rain this year. This makes us anxious, as we have now between thirty and forty horses and over twenty head of cattle, besides sheep, to feed, and if rain does not come soon our wheat—we have between 300 and 400 acres sown—will die off.

Mr. Michael Davitt, accompanied by Mr. J. A. Hartley, arrived here on Saturday. The visit was unexpected, so much so, indeed, that one of our trustees who brought the gentlemen from the opposite side of the river tells me that when Mr. Hartley said this is Mr. Davitt he nearly fell out of the boat. It was Saturday afternoon, and most of the men were working on their blocks, but they soon threw down their tools and hastened to catch a glimpse of the renowned Irishman. Mr. Davitt and Mr. Hartley were taken over the settlement and shown the improvements. In the evening Mr. Davitt addressed the members in the single men's dining-room. He remarked—"I have not come to talk to you, but for you to talk to me." However he

... I have no more to say to you, but for you to talk to me." However he yielded to the desire that he should speak, but confined himself to the impression made upon him by what he had seen that day and to tendering good advice. He expressed himself as agreeably surprised at the amount, and more especially at the practical manner, of the work

done, and prognosticated a brilliant future for Lyrup. The people here are anything but demonstrative, but Mr. Davitt received a very warm welcome. A hearty vote of thanks was passed both to Mr. Davitt and Mr. Hartley. At the request of Mr. Davitt Messrs. Shalley and Gallary traced the history of Lyrup. The visitors left for Pysp on Sunday morning.

Work is going on as usual, and good health prevails.

Mr. A. W. Dobbie has sent us a box of literature and other useful articles, which were very acceptable.

ROBE, JUNE 17.

On Thursday last the half-yearly meeting of the Robe Refrigerating and Preserving Company was held. The Directors' report of progress was very satisfactory, and the success of the Company seems assured. The tallow produced is of the highest order, and obtained the best market price in Melbourne. It is expected that the preserving plant will arrive shortly, when the work of preserving will be pushed on. The meeting was well attended. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Institute to urge on the members for the district the necessity of affording better jetty accommodation for vessels here. A resolution on the subject is to be forwarded to the Government.

On Saturday a football match was played here between the Kingston Juniors and Robe Juniors, the local team winning by 2 goals 5 behinds to 1 goal. Mr. A. Noble was the umpire.

The weather is beautifully fine, and the young feed is looking splendid.

RENMARK, JUNE 17.

Mr. Michael Davitt came up by the coach on Saturday last. He was driven round the settlement, and left for Lyrup the same afternoon.

A serious accident has happened to Mr. Price's little daughter, who is about six years old. She was riding, when the horse starting to trot she fell off and fractured her skull. She was attended by Dr. Harrison, and is still in a precarious state.

There is very little feed about now, as we have had no rain for a long time, and the mornings are very frosty.

PALMER, JUNE 17.

On Saturday last the Gumeracha Club visited us to play a match against the local team. Result:—Gumeracha—6 goals 5 behinds; Palmer—1 goal 1 behind.

WENTWORTH (N.S.W.)

JUNE 7.

Fine sunny days and sharp frosty nights, but no rain, have marked the past month. The outlook for the coming season is very bad. Although the commons around Wentworth have fair rough feed on them, the neighbouring stations are very short. Lambing on most places is almost a failure, and altogether the prospect seems bad for the pastoralist.

The Darling is now practically closed. Messrs. Bowring & Co.'s s.s. Emily Jane is laid up until a rise comes, and although the Emma and Prince Alfred are moving they will have to stop soon.

The Local Land Board sat here last Monday, but the list was short and unim-

portant and only lasted the one day. Mr. Tro'ope, the Chairman, is leaving for Euston on Tuesday morning.

The committee and ladies appointed to arrange for the Hospital annual festival, to be held on July 25, are making strenuous efforts to make it a financial success. It is a pity some of the metropolitan philanthropists do not think of these country hospitals.

Mrs. Woodhead, wife of the proprietor of the *Federal Standard*, passed away to-day at 3 o'clock. On Saturday week the deceased was in good health and spirits, but on Sunday morning she complained of feeling ill, and shortly afterwards lost consciousness, remaining so until her death. Deep sympathy is felt with the widower and the family, one of whom, the eldest daughter, was only married about six weeks ago to Mr. J. S. Maitland, now C. P. S. at Wyalong.