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Every Thursday Afternoon, Great Boxing Matinee. EDMUND COVELL, Secretary

The Turf:
Notes and Selections
(By "Musket.")

COMING EVENTS.
DECEMBER.
21—A.J.C. December Meeting.
26—A.J.C. Summer Meeting.
28, 29, 30—Wallsend J.C. Races.
28 and Jan. 1—Tattersall's Cup
Meeting.

At the Richmond Trotting Races
on Tuesday City Tux accounted for a
double. However, the prod did not
have to beat anything in the Flying
Handicap, which three horses faced
the starter. Annada, who has failed in
Sydney on several occasions, won the
Londoner's Handicap from Stained
Ribbons.

The Muswellbrook Races
on Monday were well patronized by Syd-
ney prads. Rose Game accounted for
the 14.0 and 14.1 Handicaps. Deloraine
a 14.0 Handicap, and Love
Charm the M.P.C. Handicap.

What would the Sydney dailies do
with their sporting columns if Dick
Wootton died?
No doubt put Lady Medallist on the
track on Tuesday morning. The mare
appeared to be sound.

Debutante has resumed training.
Benito has been turned out for a
short spell.
Lochano is favorite for the Villiers'
Stakes.
No more pony racing till next year.

KENSINGTON.
Winners, S.P., Riders, and Post
Positions.
Lady Nolan, 4 to 1 (James), (1).
Dalhazell, 5 to 2 (Griffiths), (1).
Clarence, 5 to 2 (James), (1).
My Dove, 6 to 1 (Miller), (8).
My Peggy, 7 to 4 (Suttle), (8).
Comrax, 10 to 1 (Dove), (11).
Miss Field, 3 to 1 (James), (12).
Simola, 6 to 1 (Moulden), (19).
Wee Loch, 5 to 1 (Miller), (9).

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day was extra large, this being on ac-
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The weather was dull, but the going
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ROSEHILL.
Winners, S.P., Riders.
First Principle, 6 to 1 (Barnett).
O.L.V. (McGee).
Embracer, 12 to 1 (Williams).
Azio, 15 to 1 (King).
Moorilla, 6 to 1 (Tennison).
Lochano, 5 to 1 (Pike).

being well placed at the turn he failed
to finish with any dash.
Marnier was fourth, and Jacomy
fifth.
Miss Field easily accounted for her
opponents in the 14.2 Handicap. The
Moorfield mare started favorite, and
scored from Pardon, with All There
third.

Lady Margo shaped very well.
Wild Fuchsia finished fast. She
should cop shortly.
Simola won the Kensington Handi-
cap from Whispur, who finished well,
and defeated Alberto by half a length
for places.

Alberto made the pace to the turn
from Turling. The latter shut up over
the last furlong.
Wio finished well in fourth place.

Wee Loch came fast at the finish
of the 14.1 Handicap, and defeated Ad-
nata by a length for the prize. Miss
Nohi, who made most of the running
filled third place. Amelia ran well.

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Lord Holman struck the front soon
after the start, but at the turn he was
head-on by Sabella. The pair were al-
most on terms at the distance but he
held further on. Delara was slightly
further off. First Principle put in a
claim when about 30 yards off the post,
and finishing best, prevailed by half a
length from Lord Holman, with Golden
Laddie a close third.

Delara was fourth, Sabella fifth and
Maygar next.
Although only a few runners in the
Jumper's Flat race, it took back-
ers some time to make a favorite. O.L.V.
eventually found most friends, and at
9 to 4 he left the paddock. Credit at
5 to 2, was second in demand, while
O.D.V. stood at 3 to 1.

Sourabaya was first out, and along
the back he had a dozen lengths
from Cheyenne and Phobos. Cheyenne
headed Sourabaya as they entered the
straight, but at the leger O.D.V.
struck, and eventually won by a neck
from Phobos, with Sourabaya a fair
third, and just in advance of Cheyenne.

The Clyde Stakes was a great bet-
ting event, but Pontano was always
favorite. Merton Lad was well sup-
ported, while Irishman and Kuringa
came in for good support.

Sparklets from Sportdom
(By "SEARCHLIGHT.")

Hughie Mehegan had to be satisfied
with fourth's end in the lightweight
championship. The battle went the
full distance, and the referee awarded
the prize to Welsh. However, Mehe-
gan is entitled to another go, and may
be he'll know more about the other
fellow when next they meet.

Once again! The Sydney boxing
public is going to be served up with
a big dish of Black meat. Sam McVea
and Sam McVea are going to show
again at the Stadium on Boxing
Day.

The championship regatta of the
State was held, and the attendance was
good. Championship Eight fell to
Balmoral, with Sydney second, and
Leichhardt third.

H. Green (Enterprise) won the cham-
pionship sculls from the Balmoral
representative. The winner scored
easily.

A big cycling programme was run
through at the Sports Ground on Sat-
urday. The Redfern Club's mile, with
C. J. Culiffe, E. Keith accounts for
the Redfern Club's mile, while A. J.
Satchell won the Rockdale Club's
mile. Other winners were J. Light
(Eastern Suburbs), W. C. Goodhue
(Bundaberg), S. H. B. Goodhue
(Hawthorne), E. H. Alderson (Western
Suburbs), S. R. Greenup (Bongahra),
K. E. Leach (Bongahra), and S. Squires
(Bongahra). The wind was strong, and
no fast times were recorded.

The coming swimmer, A. W. Barry,
put up another fine performance on
Saturday, when he covered 100 yards
in 56.1 seconds.

Hardwick was also in good form on
Saturday, when he got over 100 yards
in 56.5 seconds.

C. G. Macartney was in hitting form
on Saturday, when he scored 31 runs
in 10 minutes.

There was no play at North Sydney,
on account of the wet weather.

Jean Posey gained a decision over
Hock Keys at the stadium on Sat-
urday night. The verdict was very un-
popular, and most of the spectators
declared that Hock had scored easily.

Keys has not been himself of late,
yet no one is to blame, excepting per-
haps his best pullers. Hock has a
change of making him just now, and
if he does not keep right, no one
should be sorry for him.

During the recent American six days
racing, Grenda was accused of
fooling, and the crowd showed their
discontent by throwing beer bottles, etc.
at him. However, he escaped without
being injured.

The sixth round of this season's
cricket competition ended on Sat-
urday, and North Sydney still leads the
way, with the 8 points. University 7,
next and Redfern 6, third.

The six days' cycle race, which was
decided in New York, resulted in a win
for E. Fogler and W. Rutt, the Ger-
man-American team. E. Bedell
and W. L. Mitten (U.S.A.) were second,
W. L. Mitten (U.S.A.), Jackie Clarke
and Hill, third, P. Hehr, of Australia,
finished fourth, with E. F. Root
(U.S.A.).

The total distance traversed in the
six days' event was 2,001 miles, and
five laps. There were no records
broken.

Oscar Egg (Switzerland), and Mar-
tin Ryan (U.S.A.) collided during the
broken collarbone.

The South African footballers de-
feated Wales by a points to nil, on
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Stadium.
LAND LANDS AUDOUY.
At the Stadium on Wednesday
evening of last week, Tim Land, the
Bondi dailymen, landed a good prize
in defeating the French boxer, Jean
Audouy, after twenty rounds of in-
teresting boxing. Although Tim
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Land, Tim looked fair to win. There

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XMAS GREETING.

This is the last issue of the "Co-operator" that will reach our readers before Xmas, and we want to make use of the opportunity to wish every one, whether inside or outside the service, a most enjoyable Xmas Tide, and the happiest of New Years in 1913.

The year that has all passed has been a strenuous time for all of us, and in the strife that is inseparable from the movement of which we individually and collectively form a part, there are often times hard knocks given and received, but in this season of peace and goodwill towards men, we can, in all sincerity extend the glad hand to friend and foe alike, and wish them the best of good cheer, and a bright and prosperous future.

MR. BEEBY'S PREDICAMENT.

Lost Lamb in the Wilderness.

"The best laid schemes of mice and men oft go awry." This aptly describes Mr. Beeby's position politically. He has had ample time to plot and plan. He has been able to choose his own time, and his own battle-ground, to make his own political running. But already there is "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

The Anti-Referenda umbrella.

Mr. Beeby laid hold of the Federal Referenda as the burden of his song. But circumstances are wayward and beyond control. He had the umbrella up made of the fabric of anti-Federalism. But the storms and showers of public dissent have ridiculed and riddled this fragile structure, and Mr. Beeby is being exposed in his political nakedness. Only one issue emerges, and that is Mr. Beeby.

Referring to this aspect of the matter, the "Daily Telegraph," on the 12th inst., in a leading article, said:—
"If the Referenda constituted the issue that the Blayney election has to decide, no doubt some embarrassment might arise. But with the practical settlement of that question it has nothing whatever to do. Then the 'Farmer and Settler,' a by-weekly newspaper devoted to rural interests, and which has been closely following the agitation for the constitution of a third party, in a special article on the 13th inst., said:—
"Mr. Beeby has chosen to set up the Federal Labor party's proposed constitutional amendments as the cause of the cleavage, but we have the best of reasons for knowing that the disagreement over the Referenda is rather the excuse than the reason, and that, as we remarked in last issue, Mr. Beeby's differences with the Labor party, or rather with the Trades Hall, are fundamental."

The "Telegraph" is a keen follower of political events, and the "Farmer and Settler" is making sympathetic overtures to Mr. Beeby. Neither has any sympathy with the Labor movement. Yet the criticism of both are tantamount to branding Mr. Beeby as a political twister.

Mr. Facing-three-ways.

Quite clearly Mr. Beeby is facing every way the political breeze blows. Appealing to that section of the community dissatisfied with both Labor and Liberal parties, at Blayney last Friday, he (per "Daily Telegraph") said:—

"He knew there were a number of men who intended to contest the general election on the same grounds."

Speaking at Perthville on Saturday night (per "Sun," 15/12/12) Mr. Beeby complained that the Liberal party were running a candidate in the Blayney contest.

"As he considered the fight was in the nature of a family quarrel between himself and the Labor party." It is also quite clear that he has been manoeuvring for immunity from Labor opposition—or at least from Ministerial opposition, by seeking an issue dissociated from State politics, and promising to sit upon the Ministerial cross benches, giving the Government a general support until the next general elections.

Support and opposition.

Mr. Beeby says there are a number of members of Parliament prepared to fight the general elections on the same platform as himself? Who are they? Are they merely the insignificant tail of the Liberals, who call themselves, and pretend to be, independent?

THE SUGAR TRUST AND THE LABOR PARTY'S POLICY.

(By E. S. Carr, M.L.R.)

The Commonwealth Government has just received the report of the Commissioners who were appointed to inquire into the conditions of the Sugar industry in Australia. Briefly the Commissioners report that the industry is practically controlled by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company; the only other concern in the refining industry being the Milliken Company, the output of which is inconsiderable and the owners invariably follow the Sugar Refining Company's lead in the matter of price for refined sugar.

As to the other end of the industry, the growing of raw sugar in the local mills (of which there are many) as the cane has to be converted into raw sugar as soon as possible) the Commissioners say that the growers get the worst of the deal right through. The price they are to receive is fixed by the mill-owners each year; this does not operate as harshly as it might from the fact that many of the mills are co-operative, and many of the cane-growers are shareholders. Large numbers of the raw sugar mills were started by the cane-growers as co-operative concerns some years ago, the Queensland Government assisting the movement by advancing the capital. Therefore those growers who took part, still retain their interests, take a hand to-day in saying what price shall be paid for cane, but naturally are not so much concerned about a low price as are those who are not shareholders, as they (the shareholders) recover on the price the mills get for the raw sugar. Many of the growers stood out of the movement, others who took part have been unsuccessful and have had their mills seized by the Government.

The successful growers, working co-operatively have little sympathy for those who stood out of the co-operative movement, or who have lost their interest by mismanagement and the latter, now having to pay Arbitration Court wages are in a bad way, and there is a danger of many of the cane fields being abandoned. Further, fresh fields are not likely to be laid out, as individuals could not get into the present co-operative concerns, and it would be difficult to get a number of new settlers to band together and get Government capital for an additional mill.

While this position exists at the lower end of the scale the fact remains that the makers of refined sugar are piling up huge profits; the Colonial Sugar Refining Company was only two millions some three hundred odd thousands, while to-day their capital is over six million pounds, all made out of refined sugar, while they have paid big dividends too. The situation is this—the workers only get a bare living out of the industry; the growers often don't get that, while the sugar refiners get rich, and have fostered the industry by a duty of £6 per ton and a bonus of £3 per ton on sugar grown by white labor; the excise duty of 24 a ton on sugar grown by black labor has gradually dwindled as it was expected it would, to-day we have practically a white industry in the tropical parts of Australia out of which fortunes can be made. We want the settlement in the tropical parts of Australia, as these areas constitute the vulnerable portion of our territory, and they are better adapted for sugar growing than anything else that will permit of a close population. This is the national aspect of the question, and it is important enough to make it imperative to conserve the industry. The problem before the Commission was to suggest some means by which a fairer distribution of the returns from the industry might be secured.

They have suggested that the bonus and excise duty be abolished, and that Boards be appointed with one judicial chairman, and having representatives from the mill-owners and the cane-growers on them to fix the price of cane each year. This has met with indignant protests from the cane-growers, although the refining companies own a number of mills of their own, and are largely interested in others; and although the mill-owners now fix the price.

The Commission does not recommend taking the duty off sugar, either raw or refined, because it can be produced so much cheaper in other parts with black labor that refining would not buy the white man's sugar of Australia at all if they could get that grown abroad. This would sacrifice a tropical Australian industry that is essential to our tropical population and therefore to our safety, and it would not mean cheaper sugar to the consumer, as the price would still be fixed.

The Commissioners do not suggest nationalising the industry, and this opens up the question of the relationship of the industry to the Labor Party's policy? They say that the large profits made are largely due to the economy of production effected by applied scientific methods in the making of refined sugar, also to the careful business management which has controlled the C.S.R., and the question whether the Government could be sure of getting the best out of a trained staff, or the same acute business management.

It is a question of regulating the industry or nationalising it; if nationalised the problem before the Government of getting staffs and management for such a gigantic concern as there would be no pardon for mistakes, and Ministers having no special knowledge must take the responsibility, and place themselves in other's hands. If the whole industry as it stands could be taken over and run without intermission or change, on behalf of the Government, it would continue a success, but it is unlikely that the whole of the movement, as it is, would be taken over, or the staff and management give their services. Anyhow, if they would, the matter of purchase price, involving consideration of many small shareholders who have bought in at prices that mean only a nominal interest on their investment, though the interest on original capital is enormous, presents a tremendous difficulty.

All things considered the Government is wise to strive to regulate the conditions of the industry first, by following the suggestions of the Commission. There must be regulation, rigid regulation, and Government servants will cut a better figure seeing that justice is maintained as between the parties to the industry, and between the industry and the public, at the present juncture, than if the whole of producing, manufacturing, and selling, is put upon them, with a Minister over them who has responsibility but little power to deal with them.

THE SELECTED LABOR CANDIDATE.

At a special meeting of the Political Labor League Executive held on Monday night, Mr. Carl Johnston was selected to contest the Blayney seat in the forthcoming bye-election. Although it is known that seven nominations were received, no opportunity is offered for the movement, to judge the wisdom of the choice, but the feeling is general that the most likely candidate is being put forward. In the Trades and Labor movement, Carl Johnston is fairly well-known as a straight goer, and a good strong fighter. His work in the movement covers a good many years, and much of it has been in centres such as Burrago, Lithgow, and Errol, and the middle west. As a matter of fact, he was born just outside Bathurst, and is thoroughly familiar with the whole of the electorate. At the last general elections, he was the selected candidate of the Mudgee Labor League but gave an evidence of his loyalty by standing down voluntarily to allow the Executive to make a final selection, in order to meet the exigencies of the much tangled position of affairs. Mr. Johnston has had considerable organizing experience in the A.M.A., and the United Laborers' Union, besides which he has occupied executive positions in the local branch of the P.L.L. and Progress Associations. At the recent City Municipal Elections, Mr. Johnston contested the Belmont seat in the Labor interest, and was accorded a very creditable vote under the circumstances that governed the elections. As a platform man, the movement has in Carl Johnston a forceful and convincing speaker, with a thorough grip of the political situation. The candidate opened his campaign at O'Connell last night (Wednesday), and was supported by Mr. E. H. Farrar, M.L.C. The same evening a meeting was held at Millers Point for the purpose of arranging for the right up to the polling day, January 3rd. It is confidently expected that Mr. W. M. Hughes will take the platform in reply to Mr. Beeby's attack on the Federal Referenda proposals, and a number of Federal members will join the fray immediately after Xmas holidays. The most encouraging reports are being received from the electorate, and already Mr. Beeby has found it necessary to defend his position from the attacks he has had to meet from all quarters. The worst feature of the election, which has been precipitated with such haste, is the disfranchisement of hundreds of electors, by the closing of the rolls, thus depriving them of the right to vote.

There can be no hesitation on the part of Labor supporters in the belief that is being waged for the solidarity of the movement.

Railway men in particular are urged to give a solid vote and to use their every influence to secure the return of Mr. Carl Johnston, on January 3rd.

THE APOLOGY.

In another column, "a Western Guard" refers to the apology made in regard to that portion of the editorial article of April 18th, coming with in the category of a personal attack upon Mr. Hamilton as a Wages Board chairman.

There are two aspects of the article in question:—
(a) The substantial objection to Mr. Hamilton's chairmanship.
(b) The outburst of bitter personal denunciation threaded through the material upon which the article was based.

Those two distinct elements should be kept clearly in mind. The Industrial Arbitration Act of N.S.W. has not only a large measure of coercion running through it, both as regards the individual and the collective body, but it (on the face of it) invests a single judge with absolute and despotic power, and (also on the face of it) takes away the right of any appeal to a higher court. We use the words "on the face of it" advisedly, because this matter will be tested.

The position in which the General Secretary of the Amalgamated Association found himself, was that the judge appeared determined to saddle the nation with the responsibility for the article in question, and to visit punishment on its 15,000 members merely for the statement as to the inferior position of the objection to Mr. Hamilton, although not authorised by the Association, was in harmony with the Association's Executive decisions. But the other part of the criticism—the personal reflection—was purely and entirely an unbridled outburst of "Co-operator" rage, engendered through sympathetic indignation at the low wage awarded inflicted upon the men whom it considers itself specially missioned to protect from the violence of sweated conditions.

The article was clearly slanderous—that is, it was unlawful. An unlawful act cannot be justified in a court of law. Persons whose feelings are outraged, and whose feelings could not be fully satisfied without resort to unparliamentary language, no doubt feel that expressions of the kind coincide with their sense of anger. But to justify the use of the language appropriate to the feelings of a body of angry men, before a court whose presiding judge lives and moves, and has his being in a rarer atmosphere, is a totally different thing.

Apologies in such circumstances cannot be described as pleasant. But there was the prospect of industrial execution being visited upon 150,000 innocent men. In the interest of those

men, we consider the General Secretary did the proper thing in "eating the leek" to try and save the rank and file of the Unionist army, whose age was in his hands. To some of our friends, this now looks almost akin to treason. If it had succeeded, no doubt opinions would have been different. Just here, we are reminded of a few historical lines:—
Treason doth never prosper,
For the reason,
That it is no longer treason.

And even now, it would be much more popular to adopt the attitude of spread eagle denunciation of Mr. Hamilton, as a wages board chairman, than to follow the more considered and indiscriminating plan of reason without invective. The proper course in being followed. Not only is it proper, but tactful. The Amalgamated army will probably soon be in possession of full status again, before the Industrial Court. This prospect must be kept in view. Judge Heydon reigns in the Industrial Arbitration sphere, and right or wrongly, his views must be respected, if success is to be achieved within his realm.

The course being followed is not the easiest, it is not the pleasantest. It is not the most dashing and dangerous. It is not that which will bring cheers to-day and exhortations to-morrow. But it is a line of action leaving open all avenues of material objection to an unsatisfactory wages board chairman, and which also promises more fruitful results in the general arena of industrial arbitration than any alternative line of policy.

Resolved that the matter of members who have resigned or left the service, and are still receiving the "Co-operator," be referred to the Head Office, be left in the hands of the Secretary.

Resolved that the Head Office in reference to supporting Labor candidates selected from Labor leagues, and who are favorable, and the money that would be spent on the wages board, approximately £1,000 could be utilised to support Parliamentary candidates who are favorable to our requests.

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LATE
BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Eveleigh.

The usual monthly meeting of the Eveleigh branch of the A.R. and T.S. Association was held in the Erskineville Council Chamber on Wednesday night, December 11th, 1912, at 8 p.m.

The President (Mr. W. Watson) occupied the chair. The following business was dealt with:—
Resolved that the correspondence be received and dealt with as read.

The vacancy on the council (Loco, Mechanical) through the resignation of Mr. D. Walsh, it was resolved that Mr. Pinkstone be nominated.

Resolved that all correspondence that does not concern us be sent back to Head Office.

Resolved that in reference to forwarding the names and addresses of the delegates to Head Office it be left in the hands of the Secretary.

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Secretary was directed to refer to back, pointing out the discrimination between department.

From Head Office circularising branches re Judge Heydon's decision advising branches to take no action at present.

A wire was received from Mr. W. C. Grahame, M.L.A. (that the motion was granted to Mr. J. Crotty), received from Mr. J. Crotty, received from Head Office re Mr. T. Rodgers' appeal.

Copies of correspondence between the Association and the Department re the case of Mr. J. Kenny, being referred to a higher position in another department and reduced to temporary staff after 10 years' permanent, and his superannuation delayed one year, and refunded the next pay on appeal being made, department cannot see its way to give any direction in his favor. However, by private letter we are advised differently, and will very keenly watch developments.

From Head Office advising that executive meet on the Tuesday night, and that it would be difficult for an executive officer to be at our meeting. This was followed by wire that Mr. J. Crotty (General) had day off on Wednesday, and if meeting was altered he could come, and wire was accordingly sent altering meeting to Wednesday night, 19th December.

From District Superintendent re working of coal guards in groups for day and night work, advising that the guards as now given alternate weeks of day and night duty, as far as the exigencies of the service will admit of such arrangements being made, etc.

Circulars from Head Office re criticisms levelled at Judge Heydon, pointing out that the Department provides for claims of any of the three ways, viz., by the Minister, by the Court, or by an Industrial Union, and as there was practical speaking, only one avenue that would be worth while, viz., by the Minister, nothing definite was arrived at, but the matter was referred to the Executive for consideration.

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Melbourne, 10th December, 1912.

SEPARATE TENDERS will be received until noon on Monday, the 23rd December, 1912, for the following works:—

- (a) Erection of Kiosk at the Royal Agricultural Society Show Ground, MOORE PARK, SYDNEY.
- (b) Construction and delivery of 200 Ballot Boxes for the ELECTORAL OFFICE, CUSTOMS HOUSE, SYDNEY.
- (c) Construction and delivery of Joinery for Hospital, ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNEDIN.
- (d) Construction and delivery of Joinery for Bank and Bank Manager's Residence, FEDERAL CAPITAL, SYDNEY.
- (e) Construction and delivery of Joinery for Major's Quarters and Laundry, ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNEDIN.
- (f) Construction and delivery of Joinery for Married Officers' Quarters, FEDERAL TERRITORY.
- (g) Renewals to Fencing at ARNcliffe POST OFFICE.
- (h) Repairs, etc., to Military Forts and Quarters, VOLVOLEONG, N.E.V.
- (i) Repairs, etc., to stables, ROYAL Agricultural Society Show Ground, MOORE PARK, SYDNEY.
- (j) General Repairs to Military Buildings, PARAMATTA.

Specifications and plans may be seen at the Office of the Works Director for New South Wales, Customs House (4th Floor), Sydney, to whom tenders, to be accompanied by the name of the respective work, should be addressed.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

KING O'MALLEY,
Minister of State for Home Affairs.
Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne, 6th December, 1912.

SURVEYORS—(2 positions)—KALCOORLE-PORT AUSTRIA RAILWAY.

Applications, to reach the Secretary, Department of Home Affairs, Melbourne, or before 6th January, 1913, are invited from Surveyors for temporary employment on surveys of Lands in connection with the above Railway.

Applicants must be Licensed Surveyors, and also be acquainted with the Real Property Act, and must state their experience and qualifications. Salary, £450 to £500 per annum, with equipment allowance, and wages to labourers. Cost of transport and necessary travelling expenses will be borne by the Commonwealth.

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1 Bandmaster and 16 Bandmen are required for H.M.A.S. "Australia." Age 18 to 35. Must enrol for 5 or 7 years.

For application must be forwarded to District Naval Officer, Lower Pitt Street, Sydney, from whom particulars as to pay can be obtained, to reach him by 20th inst. only.

Applicants must state their age, experience, and instruments they can play, and enclose copies of references. H. W. E. NAMISTY,
Naval Secretary.

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W. J. CLEMENS, Commissioner, Secretary.

UNION SECRETARIES NOTE

The "Co-operator" is now located at 431a Kent Street in a building of four floors and basement.

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Highland Society of N.S.W.

Those who desire to spend an enjoyable hour or so cannot do better than go to the Agricultural Ground, where the Highland Society are holding their annual gathering—a very full programme has been arranged, including piping contests, tug-of-war, hammer throwing, etc. This is an opportunity of seeing the Scotch in their national games, and there should not be a dull moment from start to finish. There will be plenty to interest both the young and the old, the Scotsman or his many friends.

GUARD'S SUCCESS.

Mr. E. Furby, guard of Werris Creek and a member of the Werris Creek branch of the Amalgamated Association, was successful in passing the ambulance examination in Sydney last week, and received his gold medal. It is his intention next year to go to the gold bar. Mr. Furby is also willing to form an ambulance class at Werris Creek, and any members or employees desirous of forming a class

The Political Labor Movement.

Secretaries of Labor Leagues are invited to send reports of their meetings regularly to the "Co-operator." We have space for the news, and we want to help all the Leagues as well as the movement generally.

Annual P.L.L. Conference.

A circular relating to the forthcoming conference has been issued to the various branches of the P.L.L. and affiliated Unions. Regarding the redistribution of electorates delegates to conference, will be required to be elected to the following, which forms part of the notification.—The attention of branches is specially directed to rules 21 to 26 inclusive, and to not that representation at Conference is on an electorate basis and on the aggregate membership in the electorate, and that, therefore, individual branches in the same electorate cannot separately send delegates, but that joint action must be taken, as provided for in the rules above quoted. A copy of the Business Paper is being sent to all branches, out where there is more than one branch in an electorate and a Council has been formed, the selection of delegates is to be conducted by the Council, and Confidential Forms are only sent to the Council.

Speaking Teams.

In connection with the speaking teams the forthcoming fixtures are herewith appended on the following:—Friday, December 20th.—Summer Hill visits Dulwich Hill, Tram Terminus. Five Dock visits Rouseville. Port Office, Cleary visits Ryde, Town Hall. Leichhardt visits Granville, Gough's headquarters.

Darlington Labor League.

At a meeting of the above league held 16th, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That the members of this league express their strong disapproval of the whole political career of Mr. G. Beeby, so far as it affects the Labor movement, and rejoice at his retirement from it."

Waverley P.L.L.

The fortnightly meeting of the above was held at the Gilbert Hall, Cowper Street, Waverley, on the evening of Monday, 9th inst.

The following resolution was carried:—"That at any election, where a second ballot is necessary, and the selected Labor candidate has dropped out, this branch advises its members not to support or vote for any so-called Independent candidates." The opinion of the meeting being that it is better for a single vote to be cast for a Labor candidate, than for a vote to be cast for a non-Labor candidate. In response to the Executive's appeal for funds, it was decided to open a subscription list, same to remain open until the end of January 1913.

Paddington Labor League.

Mr. J. Power occupied the chair at the usual weekly meeting of the League held last Friday evening. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Frank Dwyer, I.P. (secretary), reported concerning the last meeting held in connection with the Senate Committee.

Mr. J. P. Osborne, M.L.A., explained the Bill in detail. Many clauses in the Bill will, no doubt, be of great benefit to the working class. At the conclusion of the report a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Osborne.

Blayney By-Election.

Labor leagues and Labor voters in the Blayney electorate will please note that the "Co-operator" has decided to publish two special issues for distribution in the electorate during the fight. The first issue will be published on Tuesday, December 18th, and the next issue on the Tuesday following, viz., December 24th.

We want all Labor leagues and Unions in the district to send any notices of the fight that they can, and these should reach us as early as possible in time for publication. All notices will be sent to all centers for free distribution, and we will be glad if any of our readers could assist in this and send along with us particulars as to local requirements. Send all communications to the new offices of the "Co-operator," 431a Kent-street, Sydney.

EASTERN SUBURBS LABOUR LEAGUES.

Annual Picnic.

It is expected that the forthcoming annual picnic, to be held at Coburn on Boxing Day, will be a very successful function yet held. Arrangements are proceeding for the carrying out of a sports programme, which will include events for men, women, and child. A Xmas tree will be provided for the little ones.

A feature of the picnic will be the cricket match, between Paddington Labor League, and the Storemen's Union. Much enthusiasm is being centred in the fixture. Paddington intends to put a strong team in the field, and the storemen will have to be on their best behavior to be successful. The former team will probably consist of the following players:—J. P. Osborne, M.L.A. (captain), Gortel, F. Clarke, C. Clarke, H. Falvey, J. Power, M. Purcell, F. Dwyer, J. Falvey, J. Keane, and G. Manuel.

Steamers will leave No. 6 Jetty, Circular Quay, at frequent intervals. Tickets (children 50c, return), adults 1s. (return), may be had from the secretaries of the Eastern Suburbs Leagues.

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LABOR COUNCIL.

Mr. Tom. Miller (Storemen), presiding over a very large and representative attendance of delegates at the usual weekly meeting of Council, held at the Trades Hall, on Thursday evening last. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Credentials were received, and delegates welcomed from the following organisations:—Australian Vaudeville Artists' Union, and the United Laborers' Protective Society.

The debate on the motion of Mr. W. Shearer, "That in the opinion of this Council, the Liquor Act should be amended, by providing for the closing of all hotels at 9 p.m." was resumed. Mr. O. Schreiber (Furniture Trades) moved an amendment to strike out the words "9 p.m.," and substitute the words "10 p.m." Mr. McCabe (Plate Glass Workers) seconded the amendment.

However, the amendment was lost, on a vote of 46 to 40 for the latter. Several letters were received from the United States, and the President reported that the necessary communications were the outcome of the Council's action in getting into touch with Union's in other parts of the world.

A communication from the International Association of Machinists stated that its members had been on strike since August, 1911. The Association required information as to what extent the firm of Schreiber & Sons, Australia, in connection with this craft in Australia. The letter was referred to a special meeting of the Council.

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Messrs. Barr, Schrimshaw, and Crawford also spoke.

Sydney Municipal Labor Assembly.

Owing to the inclement weather on Wednesday evening of last week, there was only a small attendance at the meeting of the Sydney Municipal Labor Assembly.

A large amount of correspondence was received and dealt with. A letter from Mr. Slade, in reply to an inquiry from Mr. Slade, was read. The letter was referred to the Council.

Mr. Holman desires me to acknowledge receipt of your note of the 7th inst., with reference to the motion of Mr. J. P. Osborne, M.L.A., which has been taken into consideration.

The following resolution was received from the secretary of the Darling Harbor Labor League:—"That the members of this league express their strong disapproval of the whole political career of Mr. G. Beeby, so far as it affects the Labor movement, and rejoice at his retirement from it."

On the motion of Mr. Slade, the action of the League was referred to the Council.

Mr. T. H. Nesbitt, in the recent municipal elections in not allowing those voters who had signed their names to the "Co-operator" to vote, was already in various booths on the stroke of six o'clock, to record their votes.

Further, a proper legal challenge should be made by the Minister controlling the City Corporation Act, or from the Attorney-General, on this very question.

On the motion of Miss May Matthews (Darlinghurst), the motion was endorsed by the Assembly.

Speaking to the resolution, Mr. W. A. King (Darlinghurst) said he knew of cases where people had already signed declaration papers, and yet they were not allowed to vote, because they were not given the time of the close of the poll. The point was: When does the voter begin to vote?

A declaration paper must be signed and returned to the Minister before the vote is cast. The voting must surely begin at that stage.

Mr. J. Bolland (Phillip), was against the resolution. He said that the wording of the clause in the Act was the cause of so much difference of opinion.

"Voting shall commence at 8 a.m. and shall close at 6 p.m. on the same day." Continuing, Mr. Slade related cases in which a number of voters had marked their ballot papers, and were about to deposit same in the box, but they were prevented from doing so.

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Notes from the Trades Hall

A Weekly Summary of Union Activity

The attention of all trade unions is directed to the "Consultation and Advice" feature of the "Co-operator," in regard to Railway and Tramway industrial conditions; wages; hours; and other matters. We shall be very glad to answer questions with reference to the above.

Commercial Buggy Drivers and Livery Stable Employees.

At the last meeting of the recently formed Commercial Buggy Drivers' Union, it was decided to hold a general meeting of the Union, to be held at the Trades Hall, on Thursday evening last. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Office-bearers were elected, and everything pointed to the establishment of a successful and powerful body. The secretary, Mr. W. Birnie, was elected, and he was called upon to resign, which he refused to do.

Claims for presentation to a wages board are being formulated by the Union. The secretary, Mr. W. Birnie, reported that the necessary communications were the outcome of the Council's action in getting into touch with Union's in other parts of the world.

Millers and Mill Employees.

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Factory Employees.

The Factory Employees' Union have made claims on behalf of the employees engaged in the soap and candle section of the industry in which are now being dealt with by the Soap and Candle Wages Board, of which Mr. J. F. McManamy, barrister, is chairman. Hearings have been held at the Trades Hall, on the 16th and 17th inst.

Mr. Stuart (Amalgamated Carpenters) reported that the motion dealing with the establishment of an association to promote higher education of workers.

The matter was, however, referred to a committee of five for report. Those present to the committee were:—Mr. T. H. Nesbitt, Mr. G. Freund, Mr. J. P. Osborne, M.L.A., Mr. W. A. King, Mr. J. Bolland, Mr. J. S. Ryan, Mr. G. Freund, Mr. J. P. Osborne, M.L.A., Mr. W. A. King, Mr. J. Bolland, Mr. J. S. Ryan.

The chair was occupied by Mr. G. Freund (Trolley and Draymen's Union, Typographical Association, Brewery Employees' Union, Mining Employees' Union, and the following were present:—Mr. T. H. Nesbitt, Mr. G. Freund, Mr. J. P. Osborne, M.L.A., Mr. W. A. King, Mr. J. Bolland, Mr. J. S. Ryan.

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Woollahra Labor League.

The Woollahra P.L.L. held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, president, Mr. J. B. Lachlan, in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mrs. Primrose gave the annual report of the Women's C. O. Committee, which showed the great service the committee has rendered the cause during the year.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. P. Curran, J.P., and carried:—"That the Woollahra P.L.L. take advantage of the opportunity to compliment the Woollahra P.L.L. for its energy in all matters appertaining to Labor."

Letterpress Machinists.

The annual smoke concert, which took place at the Trades Hall on Saturday evening last, was a great success. The attendance, which was very large, included representatives from the allied bodies. During the evening, the president of the Union, Mr. W. Birnie, was made the recipient of an illuminated address in recognition of his services as president during the past five years.

A special general meeting was held on Monday evening last. There was a large attendance of members. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The proposal to establish a contingency fund with general approval, and practical effect, was the subject of a discussion, and was carried.

Boatbuilders.

Mr. T. McBeth (secretary) at the annual meeting of the Union held recently, said that members of the Union were now being employed by shipping companies, to look after the boats of the Union, and that the work done, would render the boats effective in case of emergency.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, V. Pritchard; vice-president, J. H. Hince; trustees, J. T. Lawson, J. G. Stevens; treasurer and assistant secretary, H. Langford; secretary, T. McBeth.

Painters and Decorators.

A meeting of the above Union was held on Monday evening last at the Trades Hall, in connection with the alteration of rule 6 to prevent trustees or auditors from being elected members of the management committee.

The secretary (Mr. R. H. Adam) made a statement in regard to the Board of the Eastern division of the State (with the exception of the County of Cumberland), in which he said that the taking of the census had been concluded. It was expected that in all probability the Award would be gazetted, and come into operation on December 30th next.

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Theatrical Employees.

A special meeting of the above Association was held on Sunday last, when a ballot was taken for the position of secretary, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. R. Thorne. The result of the voting was as follows:—Phillips 255, King 9, Evans 7, Major 7.

Mr. Charles Phillips, who is well known in the theatrical profession, has been closely connected with it for the last sixteen years. He was engaged by Messrs. Wiloughby and Geach, as mechanic, and went on tour.

Mr. Phillips was one of the founders of the Association which was formed on March 9th, 1907. In July last, he was elected trustee.

The sum of £8 s. has been handed to the Labor Council, the proceeds of a benefit entertainment, which was given on behalf of the Mr. Lyell sufferers.

United Storemen.

A New Award.

The No. 4 Transport Wages Board, which was constituted of the following members, viz.: Mr. N. Seale, employers' representatives; Messrs. Barnett and Eaves; employees' representatives; Mr. J. P. Osborne, M.L.A., and Mr. A. Barker, has just issued its award, covering workers in general warehouses, iron yards, and other stores, ironmongers, and ship chandlers.

The award will cover the State of New South Wales, with the exception of the City of Sydney. The provisions are as follows:—Hours: 47 1/2 per week to be worked between 8 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, inclusive.

Wages: Storemen £2 s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 1 to 3 men, £2 13s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 3 to 5 men, £2 15s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 5 to 10 men, £2 17s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 10 to 15 men, £2 19s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 15 to 20 men, £2 21s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 20 to 25 men, £2 23s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 25 to 30 men, £2 25s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 30 to 35 men, £2 27s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 35 to 40 men, £2 29s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 40 to 45 men, £2 31s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 45 to 50 men, £2 33s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 50 to 55 men, £2 35s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 55 to 60 men, £2 37s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 60 to 65 men, £2 39s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 65 to 70 men, £2 41s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 70 to 75 men, £2 43s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 75 to 80 men, £2 45s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 80 to 85 men, £2 47s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 85 to 90 men, £2 49s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 90 to 95 men, £2 51s. 6d. per week; storemen in charge of 95 to 100 men, £2 53s. 6d. per week.

There is a scarcity of work in the trade, and the prospects for the Xmas holidays are not too bright. The resolution was adopted, and the P.L.L. executive should at once secure a suitable candidate to contest the seat in the Labor interest, and a copy of this resolution be sent to the Government and the P.L.L. executive. Carried unanimously.

A motion by Mr. P. Curran, J.P., that a letter be sent to the Trades Hall, the Chief Commissioner, and the Minister for Railways suggesting that ambulance appliances and a first-aid kit be part of the equipment, and that all employees to receive ambulance instructions, and be paid for the time so occupied. Carried.

A couple of visitors attended the league, one of whom was the secretary of the Sydney branch of the P.L.L., Mr. J. B. Lachlan, from the Glebe. Both were warmly received, and in returning thanks for their reception, the secretary of the Sydney branch of the P.L.L. took advantage of the opportunity to compliment the Woollahra P.L.L. for its energy in all matters appertaining to Labor.

United Clerks.

At the last meeting of the United Clerks Union of N.S.W., Mr. H. Evans was elected secretary, owing to the resignation of Mr. Cochrane.

OTHER PEOPLES' OPINIONS.

WHAT "CO-OPERATOR" READERS HAVE TO SAY.

We shall be glad to publish contributions on any helpful subject, but we do not necessarily identify ourselves with the opinions expressed.

THE REFERENDA.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Your numerous readers are deeply grateful for the publication in a recent issue of section 51 of the Constitution Act as it now stands, and the proposed amendments which are considered necessary in order to enable the national Parliament to carry out the will of the Australian Democracy. At the last appearance of the country, owing to misrepresentations, many people voted against the amendments then submitted, and a greater number of people voted against the amendments than for them. The amendments were lost. The capitalistic and monopolistic press became hysterical at the result, but in less than a week one of the morning papers came out with a leading article in which it was stated that the amendments were not only not a menace to the community, but were a benefit to it. The opportunity now presents itself. Let us pull together for our nation's welfare. Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, &c.,

"DEMOCRAT."

THE MEANING OF CAUCUS.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In your issue of 14/11/12, there is a paragraph on Commonwealth politics, and in the same column there is a reference to an "important caucus meeting." Many people will tell you that they do not mind Labor members, but it is not the same as a caucus. Now, all political parties, be they Free-trade, Liberals, Radicals or Socialists, have their caucus. The term is one that originated in America, and consists of a meeting of citizens to agree upon candidates to be proposed for election to office, and to discuss measures respecting some political matter. Many people are ignorant of the meaning of the word, and it is not until they read the papers, that the caucus is some evil monster. Many never bother to enquire into the meaning. I met such a person, and when I explained the meaning, he seemed quite relieved.

My object in penning these few lines is to draw attention to the fact, through your widely circulated journal (well-written and brimful of news), as election day is drawing near, do the cause of the "hot box" and eliminate the meaning of the word caucus.

Yours faithfully,

HOLLY.

THE ORIGINAL "HOT BOX."

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I am "Hot Box," whose letter of the 22nd September you published on 31st October, which was immediately answered by that formidable and doughy old man, the Editor of the "Co-operator," Mr. J. P. Osborne, M.L.A. (more power to his elbow, be jabbers).

Your insertion 21st Nov., "Hot Box in Reply," purporting to emanate from me is erroneous and exceedingly misleading, for, as you are well aware, I did not write it.

Neither do any of the letters bear upon the subject in question in any manner. Action and Letters Assistant, their duties and wages in comparison to the other grades classed under the Loco. Labourers, who are now receiving 6d. and 1/- per day more than us.

The matter has now merged into an acrimonious and mephitic wrangle between me and the Editor of the "Co-operator." My hearty thanks to the former for the heartiest sympathy expressed for us in his concluding and appropriate remarks "poor and underpaid." That is the correct term absolutely, and I trust he will help us to impress this most vividly upon our next Wages Board.

With best wishes for a jolly Xmas and a prosperous New Year for all good unionists, from a "Poor, Underpaid Loco. Labourer."

THOS. P. HUNTER.

Liter's Assistant, Harden.

(Strange as it may appear to Mr. Hunter, we were quite unaware that the second "Hot Box" was the one in the above matter. We made no comparison with the copy. In each case the name of a member is endorsed on the copy. It is quite evident that Hot Box the second, has taken up with Mr. Sim for the purpose of drawing the fire of that enthusiastic gentleman.—Ed.)

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