


Brief Mention.

 **FARMER'S** Idea of bad weather is the kind that goes against his grain.

The Government will set apart £2000 to provide Christmas cheer for the poor.

Mother : " You mustn't play with that little boy." Tommy : " Well can I fight with him ?"

It is reported from West Australia that kangaroos are disappearing by leaps and bounds.

Narromine school children, in debate, have decided in favor of Socialism. This settles it.

Mr. F. J. Martel, late of Dandaloo, purposes launching out in the dairying industry in Forbes district.

Mr. W. P. Crick is to be called upon to show cause why he shall not be struck off the roll of solicitors.

A nugget of gold weighing 400ozs was unearthed last week at Hillside in Victoria by three men.

By the recent bush fires in Forbes district 40,000 acres of crop, also fences, and 50 sheep were destroyed.

A single woman, Charlotte Whitten, residing at Five Dock, committed suicide by hanging herself to a bed-post.

A District Court will be held at Dubbo on January 23, and the last date for entering complaints is January 5.

Tenders for alterations and additions to the Public School, Bogan Gate, will be received up to Monday, 7th January.

The nett loss of the New Zealand Insurance Co., in connection with the San Francisco disaster, is calculated at £285,000.

Real sorrow is almost as difficult to discover as real poverty. An instinctive delicacy hides the rags of the one and the wounds of the other.

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Said that some of the Peak Hill suppliers were not satisfied with the cheques received from Parkes Butter Factory last month.

Boys who like to throw a stone at the telegraph insulators are warned that at Casino the other day three boys were fined £5 each for this offence.

Mr. Crick has announced that he intends to contest the Blayney seat again. Nominations are fixed for December 29, polling on January 12.

A sample of Mr. R. Carter's wheat crop, of the Bob's variety, grown between Peak Hill and Narromine, when tested, went 66lbs to the bushel.

In the Assembly the Bill to provide for cancellation of the land tax in municipalities, and local governing bodies imposing an equivalent tax, passed all stages.

The Timbreebongie Shire Council is inviting applications for a Shire clerk at a salary of £4 per week, such applications to be in the hands of the President by January 15.

Hundreds of farmers were too busy to bother about voting at the recent election. Couldn't spare an hour or two in three years in which to record their vote. No wonder minority rules!

Item from Forbes:—Whilst the members of the Forbes Town Band were practising on Friday evening last in the open at Mr. W. Acret's residence, a swarm of grasshoppers upset a torch and burned a number of pieces of music.

At Windsor on Saturday night Sydney Young, a single man, was terribly burnt while in bed, and succumbed to his injuries on Sunday night. Deceased it is supposed was smoking in bed, and accidentally set the room on fire.

A shocking occurrence is reported from Heathcote, Victoria. A farmer

FROM HEALCOTE, VICTORIA. A farmer was engaged in the field with a reaper and binder, when his three-year-old daughter walked into the crop before the machine, the knives of which cut through the bones of the little one's legs.

The rabbits are dying in thousands out Melrose way. Different people have different opinions as to the cause of them dying in such great numbers, and the most sensible reason we think is that death is due to the grass seed, which has been so disastrous among sheep and cattle this year.—
CONDOLIN LACHLANDER.

At a meeting of the ratepayers of West Warburton Shire, Victoria, the following resolution was adopted:—
“That this meeting of ratepayers, having no further confidence in their representatives at the council table, would esteem it a great favor if councillors could see their way to resign in a body.”