INVERSIA, CLUB'S SHOOT The following are the results of las Saturday's club shoot, seven shots and

two sighters in two stages at 600 Addison ..... E. G. Clarke W. Horner S. Poole . . . . W. H. Adams G. Campbell . . G. Walmsley . . 

## EYES AND NO EYES

BLINDNESS TO THE HABITUAL BLUNTED MENTAL VISION.

It is permissible to wonder how many people who would dislike being his master's servant in 1607. called unobservant have been stimulations. Fast Englishman to see Me. called unobservant have been stimulation and by the recent letters in our columns to examine closely for the first time case of the design of the Treasury notes which the design of the Treasury notes which the design of the Treasury notes which the contract of the greatest names in contract the contract of the greatest names in contract names in contract names and the greatest names are greatest names and the greatest names and the greatest names are greatest names are greatest names and the greatest names are greatest names and the greatest names are greatest of by the recent letters in our columns to examine closely for the first time the deslin of the Treasury notes which slip so incessantly and so easily through their fingers. It is probable that few had previously noticed what one correspondent styles the C3 physique of the St. George on the £1 note, the hero's scanty and unbusinessilke equipment, or his unsporting thrust at a dragon already in full flight. Even the structure of the structure of

is a striking instance of human blind:
ness to the ordinary and the habitual
The instance does not stand alone. A
well-known system of mind and memvert in 1862. ory training sought to bring home to its students the all but universal lack of observation of familiar things by requiring them, as one of their executions, to name the color of the eyes Hurgronje was at Mecca in 1885, as a and hair of intimate friends, and to say from memory how the pictures were placed on the walls of their homes. The common frame of mind in these simple matters is not unlike the heedlessness of the Oxford or Cam the heedlessness of the Oxford or Cam-bridge undergraduate who finds that he barely knows one college from an-other and certainly nothing about the interior of most of them, when he makes the round with eager relatives cranmed with the lore of guidebooks, or the limited curiosity of the Lon-doner who is above his own sights by a doner who is shown his own sights by Value of the Trivial.

Though the symptoms are many, the malady is one. Familiarity breeds nothing so active and vital as contempt, but the dull void of anzesthesi The little happenings of everyday life come to be taken entirely for grant ed. By their very multiplicity and re petition they blunt our mental vision petition they blust our mental vision until we can no more see distinctive features in them than in a flock of sheep or a dish of peas. They lose their interest for us. We retallate by becoming blind to them. There is, indeed, no cloak of invisibility to compare with that of the familiar and the commonlace. But since the lives the commonplace. But since the lives of men are largely compact of the lit tle ordinary things, this failure of ob rvation and appreciation has serious sults. It means a blank and dreary life, without stimulus or color.

Hop lies in the reversing of the pic-ture. For the fault is not in things but in the man himself, says "The Times." If they are uninteresting, it is because he is unseeing. Assidupractice and atern self-compulsion y teach him the lesson that the at trivial detail holds excitement and inspiration if he bestirs himself to ve it due effort and attention. He finds that while he has been asking petulantly that, a sign should be given him, he has had his eyes tight shut to wonders at his door.

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PILGRIMAGE TO MEGGA

It is probable that Lord Headley, ent in the London "Daily Mail"). He has performed the pilgrimage to Mecca, the sucred city of Arabia, the centre of the Moslem faith, to which 200 million followers of Mahommed turn their eyes in prayer five times a day from nearly every corner of the

The only way to visit Mecca, apart from Lord Hendley's method of frank avowal of Islam, has been to learn Arabic and a few other Oriental tongues, to master the ritual of the faith,

gues, to master the ritual of the faith, and to join the pligrimage as an ordinary follower of the Prophet.

No more than about a score of Europeans have done this successfully. The first was an Italian named Bartema, who went as a Moslem in 1503.

Though thrown into prison as a supposed Christian, he returned in safety.

A Frenchman, Le Blanc, accommend

A Frenchman, Le Blanc, accompan-ied by two Italian sailors, all renegades, was successful in 1554. Johann Wild a German, taken prisoner by the Turks and sold to a Persian, went as

wealth of hair descried by another correspondent near the right foot of Britannia on the 10/ note.

This general failure of observation went as an Afghan said to have been

Moslem law student, and Courtelle-mont, a French Algerian photograph-er made a successful pilgrimage in 1894 with an Arab friend.

The last Englishman was Major Wavell, who went with an Arab and an African in 1908, and was successful because he posed as an Oriental and spoke Arabic like a native

### Dangerous Task.

Among the many dangerous tasks which at times fall to the lot of the diver, there are few more "ticklish" than the blowing up of wreeks. Wreeks (says the "Weekly Telegraph") are blown up in one or two ways, according to whether they are weeden or steel vessels. ooden or steel vessels.

In the first case a concentrated charge is used, generally consisting of blasting gelatine tightly packed in waterproof bags surrounded with a sail-cloth protection The diver, hav-ing previously learned his way about the ship, places the charge in the low-est part of the hold and connects up the necessary deconators with electric cables to the boat above. When all is ready, nearby shipping is warned, the diver's boat moves off some hundred yards or so and the charge is exyeards or so and the charge is ex-ploded by electricity. Immediately the wreck is burst assunder in all di-rections, the pressure of water inside the hulk tearing plank from plank and beam from beam. The amount of disturbance on the surface varies with the depth at which the wreck lies, but a any came masses of timber rise to the surface, constitution as little days. a any case masses of timber rise to the surface, constituting no little danger to the diver's beat. On a recent precision, during rough weather, the beat in which the diver was sitting was stove in by a great piece of subsets of the diver's beat in which the diver was sitting was stove in by a great piece of simber which rose from the depths and the diver, wearing his heavy less, but without helmet, was very searly drowned. Steel vessels always constitute a graver danger to divers. There is more likelihood of air-pipes and lines becoming fouled in twisted beams or even several altogether, and divers are liable to cut their hands on the jagged edges of steel plates. Such ilps are rarely blown up at a single field. Explosives are packed into

ips are rarely blown up at a single ot. Explosives are packed into ng bags resembling fire hose and laid ong todge resembling free nose and man olong the decks. A good charge, well hid, will cut through the deck and bleak off the beams and stays through out the vessel and later charges plac-ed along the sides, will cause her to bulge out and fatten down. Wrecks to not always blown up to remove the not always blown up to remove the from the path of shipping. frequently in the course of salvage operations valuable eargoes can only be CHBAPEST Toys in Town.—Yes; not only the cheapest, but the best variety of Xmaa toys will be found at MARTIN'S this Xmaa. Dolls, books, tea sets, prams, blocks, in series, and thousands of novel ties too numerous to mention. It will pay you to shop a MARTIN'S this Xmaa.

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## WITH THE RIFLE. Score of Europeans MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

TUESDAY'S MEETING

A meeting of the Inverell Municipal Council was held on Tuesday night last when there were present, Ald. Jas. Mc-liveen (Mayor), J. F. O'Connor, F. A. lewin, W. Burgess, S. J. S. Butler, W. H. Scott, E. C. Bartle and P. S.

Letter of Sympathy.

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Before Proceeding with the business
the Mayor refurred to the sudden ending of Mr. Richard Moore, who had
been an old contractor to the Council
and was a very old resident of the
town. He moved that a letter of
sympathy be forwarded to the widow.
The motion was carried, the eldermen standing in respectful silence. Correspondence.

The P.P. Board wrote in reference to stock routes through the town and sought the council's sanction to the se of a wider road to the Gums reserve, viz, the two-chain road past O'Grady's residence thence crossing O'Orany's residence thence crossing the Bundarra road and west by a wider fond. Rosic Lane was practically impassable with large flocks of sheep, it being only 50 links wide. The Mayor urged the council to

grant its consent as it would be a great convenience to stock.

Ald, Stuckey moved and Ald.

O'Connor seconded, that the council second to the request,

The Department of Works notified that £140 had been allotted to the municipality as their share of the Muin Roads Grant

W. Turner wrote again complaining that the council had not constructed a footpath fronting his property in Medora Street. He invited any of the aldermen—preferably Ald. McLean Connor or Butler—to inspect the centity in which event be would be prepared to pay the cost of a taxi. All be wanted was justice. The Mayor stated that Mr. Turner

The Mayor stated that Att. All the violently required a footpath along the whole of his frontage. At present the footpath extended to just past his house. The house adjoining did not have a footpath.

It was decided to extend the footpath to the adjoining house, Other matters are reported else

## An Arsenic Mine.

AUTHORITY TO ENTER CANCELLED.

At the Warden's Court, Invereil, on Tuesday afternoon, before Mr. W. I. Perry, Warden, Francis James Kestel, of Markets Hotel, Haymarket, Sydney, applied to have David Worland's authority to enter an area of 80 acres in the parish of Delunga cancelled, owing to non-fulfilment of labor conditions.

Mr. T. P. Ryan, of Bingara, appeared for the complainant and Mr. A. F. Avern for the defendant, Kestel deposed that he located the land by putting a search through the Sydney effice and on October 10th inspected the area, accompanied by Mr. Redman, of Delungra. He noticed two shafts and a tent on the area, but both shafts were old, having been put down some years. There was no sign of any work having recently been done.

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To Mr. Avern: He was not in the employ of Perett and Crockett, or Arsenies Ltd. His employment with that company ceased last July. He paid three visits to Inverell. He remembered seeing Mr. Fred Thomas in Inverell on September 25th. Pezett and Crockett had been up a few days before this date. He might have told Thomas that he was "a bit late." He denied saying to Thomas "If the mine opens up I am prepared to put £1000 into it for furnaces." He might have sold, "Pezett and Crockett are out to get all the shows they can to get a monopoly in arsenie." He admitted saying, "If necessary I can find friends in Sydney who will put £10,000 into it."

Frederick Myers, furner, residing at this Days deceased that he knew

For the defence David Worland, notor ear proprietor, said he obtained he authority to enter on July 21st 1923. He proposed to mine for a renic and Th. Mr. Finney and Mr. Fred Thomas were also interested with him. The land was properly pegged att and as soon as a rock miner could be obtained Mr. Finney intended to work with him. Eventually a miner, canned McIanes, was secured and Finney and McIanes commenced work on the property. They continued work on the property. They continued work on the property. They continued work on the property of the property with a view four classe, and slid not definitely turn low the propestion.

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D. R. McIanes corroborated the previous withness' evidence.

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## RIALTO THEATRE

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To-morrow night (Saturday) promises to be a record at the Blaite for Tom Mix the most popular screen artist to-day will be seen with his wonder horse "Tony" in a mighty Zane Gray story viz. "The Lone Star Ranger." Tom Mix and "Tony" are worth going miles to see, and this picture exhibits the wonderful skill of both horse and rider better than any previous picture. The supporting feature is a comedy burlesque on the "Three Mucketeers" in five hilarious reils entitled "The Three Must Get Theree" and features May Linder. A big sunshine comedy entitled "Somebody Lied" and Fox news will support. By special request Mr. Brits will sing Free Bluets wonderful som success "The Body in the Bag." Patrons would be well advised to go early as the programme starts sharp at 8 of clock.

### XMAS EVE PICTURES

A special Paramount picture entitled Grumpy' featuring Theodere Re-erts, together with a two reel comedy and gazette etc will be screened at the and gazette ete will be screened at the Rinito on Xmas eve (Monday night next) starting at 9 o'clock. This should prove a boon to all town and country people, who having done their shopping carly, could enjoy a pleasant test and outing for the children before going home, and make a happy ending to their Xmas eve.

### BOXING NIGHT PICTURES

Two excellent master pictures will be screened at the Rialto on Boxing night, viz. "Is Money Everything," featuring Mirian Cooper, Norman Kerry and Martha Mansfield, also an all star feature entitled "The Three Pals." An excellent mermaid comedy entitled "Free and Easy" with gazette will make this an excellent and enjoyable programme for the holiday night. "Buffalo Bill" No. 17 will also be screened.

### DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

On Thursday night next, December 27th, at the Rialto, Douglas Fairbanks will be seen in his special production entitled "The Mollycoddle," This is a six-reel breezy picture full of action, thrills, and, of intense interest to all picture patrons, so much so that many theatres have called for repeat screenings of the "Mollycoddle," A Universal Jowell production called "The Power of a Lie" with an all star cast aiso century comedy and gractice will be screened, as well as the "Mollycoddle," Patrons should not miss this programme.

## SPORTING NOTES

Horse owners are again reminded that nominations for all ovents in connection with the Inverell Jockey Club's meeting on December 31 and January 1st close with the secretary (Mr. C. J. Kimmorley) to-morrow (Saturday).

The Warialda Railway Amateur Club is holding a meeting on Boxing Day, and Warialda District Amateur Race Club will hold a meeting on the Warialda racecourse on January 5th. Naminations for the latter close on Passenher 28th.

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The Glen Innes Jockey Club's bal-The Glen Innes Jockey Club's hal-ance-sheet shows that revenue for the year totalled £1187/187, the principal items being members' fees £887/157, rent £65/17, mominations £132/157, hookmakers' fees £359/2, gate takings £386/155, and totalisator £768. On the debit side, rebate on horse boxes was £129/11/18, prize money absorbed £658/11/2, hookmakers' tax £70/16/-4, nausement tax £10/15/10, and tote tax £24/17/8, rates £14/86, princip and advertising £78/8/39, secretary's solary £26/57. The bank balance was £35/16/11, as against £19/4/9 at the end of last year.

## Moree Races.

WEIGHTS FOR BOXING DAY.

Following are the weights for the Moree races to be held on December

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HAIR PIN CABINETS, 2/3, 2/11, 3/6. RACE HORSE ASH TRAYS, 5/6. XYLONITE HAIR BRUSH, 15/6 to 23/6. TORTOISESHELL HAIR BRUSHES, 21/6. XYLONITE MILITARY HAIR BRUSH, 14/6 each. XYLONITE TOILET TRAYS, 1/11, 2/3 to 6/6. WHITE IVORY HAND MIRROR, 2/6, 3/6. WHITE IVORINE TOOTH BRUSH STANDS, 1/43, 1/9. GLASS DECANTER PERFUMES, 7/6, 9/6, 15/6, 16/11. WICKER PERFUMES, 9/6. PERFUMES, 1/11, 2/6 to 7/6 per bottle. SCENT SPRAYS, 12/6, 16/6. BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS, 2/3, 2/11, 3/11, 4/6, 6/6, 6/11 per box. GUIPURE EDGED HANDKERCHIEFS, 1/6, 2/11, 3/6, 4/6 ea. ALL THE BEST LINES IN SILK HOSE.

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