

WITH THE RIFLE.

Score of Europeans

INVERELL CLUB'S SHOOT.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Total. Includes names like A. Addison, J. Salmon, E. G. Clarke, etc.

EYES AND NO EYES

BLINDNESS TO THE HABITUAL.

It is permissible to wonder how many people who would dislike being called unobservant have been stimulated by the recent letters in our columns to examine closely for the first time the design of the Treasury notes which slip so incessantly and so easily through their fingers.

This general failure of observation is a striking instance of human blindness to the ordinary and the habitual. The instance does not stand alone. A well-known system of mind and memory 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 exercises, to name the color of the eyes and hair of intimate friends, and to say from memory how the pictures were placed on the walls of their homes.

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PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA.

It is probable that Lord Headley, the British Moslem Peer, has done what no other Englishman alive has been able to do (writes a correspondent in the London "Daily Mail"). He has performed the pilgrimage to Mecca, the sacred city of Arabia, the centre of the Moslem faith, to which 200 million followers of Mohammed turn their eyes in prayer five times a day from nearly every corner of the earth.

The only way to visit Mecca, apart from Lord Headley'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, and to join the pilgrimage 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 Barteme, who went as a Moslem in 1503. Though thrown into prison as a supposed Christian, he returned in safety.

A Frenchman, Le Blanc, accompanied 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 his master's servant in 1607. The first Englishman to see Mecca was Joseph Pitts, who was sold as a slave and went there in 1680.

One of the greatest names in connection with Mecca is that of Burckhardt, a German-Swiss, who went in the capacity of a reduced Egyptian gentleman in 1814 and whose book is a classic. Finally, an Italian soldier, named Mecca, also in 1814, as a renegade with Turkish army. Others who made the pilgrimage were Roches, a Frenchman, and Wallis, a German, both as Moslems.

This brings us to the late Sir Richard Burton, captain in the Indian Army, master of 26 languages, who went as an Afghan said to have been born in India. Maltese, a German, went in 1860, as a Moor, and Bicknell an Englishman, went as a Moslem convert in 1862.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

TUESDAY'S MEETING.

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

Letter of Sympathy. Before proceeding with the business the Mayor referred 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 use of a wider road to the Guma reserve, viz, the two-chain road past O'Grady's residence thence crossing the Bundarra road and west by a wider road. Rosie Lane was practically impassable with large flocks of sheep.

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 accede to the request.

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

W. Turner wrote again complaining that the council had not constructed a footpath fronting his property in Meadors Street. He invited any of the aldermen—preferably Ald. McLean, O'Connor or Butler—to inspect the locality in which event he would be prepared to pay the cost of a taxi. All he wanted was justice.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Turner evidently 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 elsewhere.

At the Warden's Court, Inverell, 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 Delangra cancelled, owing to non-fulfilment of labor conditions.

Mr. T. D. Ryan, of Bingara, appeared for the complainant and Mr. A. F. Ayers for the defendant.

Kestel deposed that he located the land by putting a search through the Sydney office and on October 10th inspected the area, accompanied by Mr. Redman, of Delangra. 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.

To Mr. Ayers: He was not in the employ of Perrett and Crockett, or Arsenic Ltd. His employment with that company ceased last July. He paid three visits to Inverell. He remembered seeing Mr. Perrett Thomas in favor of September 25th. Perrett 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 for I am prepared to put £1000 into it for you." He might have said, "Perrett and Crockett are out to get all the shows they can get to a monopoly in arsenic." He admitted saying, "If necessary I can find friends in Sydney who will put £10,000 into it."

Frederick Myers, former, residing at Little Plain, deposed that he knew David Worland held an authority to enter the subject land. It was owned by J. P. Lennon. He put a shaft down in 1902. No work of any consequence had been done on the land recently.

RIALTO THEATRE

SATURDAY'S PICTURES.

To-morrow night (Saturday) promises to be a record at the Rialto for Tom Mix the most popular screen artist to-day will be seen with his wonder horse "Tony" in the mighty "Zane Grey 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 reels entitled "The Three Must Get Therea" and features Max Linder. A big sunshine comedy entitled "Somebody Lied" and Fox news will support. By special request Mr. Brita will sing "The Body in the Bag" Patrons would be well advised to go early as the programme starts sharp at 8 o'clock.

XMAS EVE PICTURES.

A special Paramount picture entitled "Grumpy" featuring Theodore Roberts, together with a two reel comedy and gazette etc will be screened at the Rialto starting at 9 o'clock. This should prove a boon to all town and country people, who having done their shopping early, could enjoy a pleasant rest 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 Miriam Cooper, Norman Kerry and Martha Mansfield, also an all star feature entitled "The Three Fails." An excellent mermaid comedy entitled "Easy" and "Easy" with "The Power of a Lie" with an all star cast also century comedy and gazette will be screened, as well as the "Mollycoddle." Patrons should not miss this programme.

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 Jewell production called "The Power of a Lie" with an all star cast also century comedy and gazette 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 events in connection with the Inverell Jockey Club's meeting on December 31st and January 1st close with the secretary (Mr. C. J. Kinrossley) 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. Nominations for the latter close on December 28th.

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The Glen Innes Jockey Club's balance-sheet shows that revenue for the year totalled £1187/18, the principal items being members' fees £48/15, rent £25/11, nominations £132/10, bookmakers' fees £239/2, gate takings £388/15, and totalisator £768. On the debit side, rebate on horse boxes was £129/1/8, prize money absorbed £658/1/2, bookmakers' tax £70/10/4, amusement tax £40/15/10, and tote tax £24/17/8, rates £41/9/6, printing and advertising £27/8/2, secretary's salary £26/5/5. The bank balance was £35/16/11, as against £19/4/9 at the end of last year.

More Races.

Following are the weights for the more races to be held on December 26:- Opening Handicap, 5 furlongs—Ethereus 10.10, Delmissa 10.5, Eamingburg 10.7, Hopper 10.5, Rexine 10.0, Brazilian 9.5, Autumn Ray 9.2, Dark Shadow 8.12, Selector 8.12, Tarn 8.9, Automatic 8.9, Crown Peash 8.9, Mileic Mar 8.7, Norgat 8.7, Botheration 8.4, Bungi 8.0, Laddie Law 8.0, Young Ross 8.0, Valbourne 8.0, Valors 7.7, Boonadood 7.7. Maiden Handicap, 4 furs. 30 yards—Stelicho 9.0, Rangaveena 8.10, Dornos 8.10, Beaudesert 8.9, Laddie Brush 8.5, Yaghibe 8.5, Tumbate 8.3, Nazama 8.3, Footman 8.3, Floridan 8.0, Herera 8.0, Moonbi 8.0, Chan Alto 8.0, Fairy Tale 8.0, Niella 8.0, Aulmi 8.0, Pacific Princess 8.0, Indian Prince 7.0, Lintrea 7.7. Gweydr Handicap, 6 furlongs—Delmissa 9.7, Eamingburg 9.5, Maltreze 9.3, Brazilian 9.2, Plantatia 8.2, Autumn Ray 8.0, Automatic 7.7, Crown Peash 7.7, Mileic Mar 7.5, Norgat 7.5, Botheration 7.2, Young Ross 7.0, Beaudesert 6.7. First Novice Handicap, 5 furs.—Lady Coradi 9.5, Dark Shadow 9.4, Foot Peash 9.0, Norgat 8.9, Early Morn 8.9, Wedill 8.7, Queen's 8.7, Temple Love 8.5, Musie Hall 8.3, Teamster Flat 8.0, Paddy 8.0, Beaudesert 7.12, Boonadood 7.7, Footman 7.7, Nazama 7.7, Aulmi 7.7, Floridan 7.7, Chan Alto 7.7, Shackleton 7.7, Weygumba 7.7, Elmsforth 7.7. Blatmore Handicap, 3 furlongs—Genghis Khan 10.7, Hopper 10.3, Brazil lin 9.3, Autumn Ray 9.0, Box Aymer 8.10, Automatic 8.7, Campone 8.5, Laddie Law 8.0, Gunlayer 7.12, Merch 7.12, Swap 7.7, Nazama 7.7.



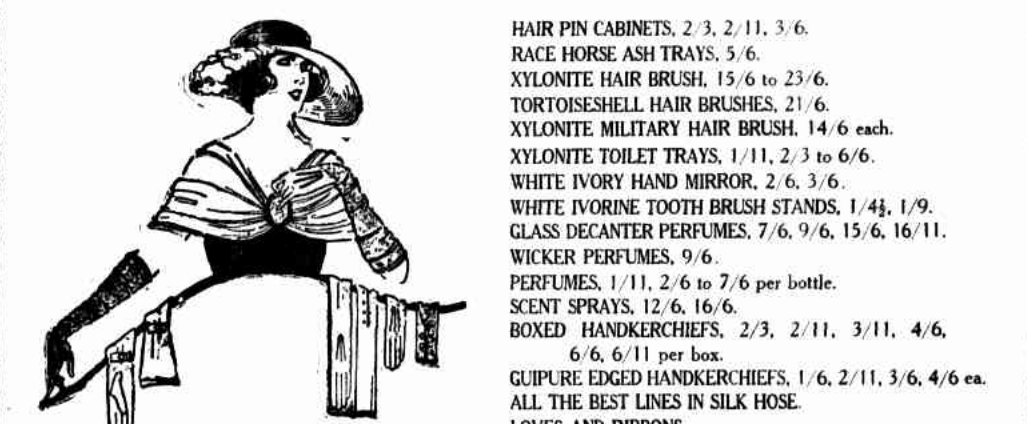
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