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## Magnetisms.

WE have pleasure in presenting the residents of Eden, Monaro and Bega districts with the first copy of "THE TWOFOLD BAY MAGNET."

SOME time has elapsed since first consideration was given to the project, but to-day Eden can boast of its second newspaper—an accomplishment that was not dependent on our own efforts alone, but by spontaneous assistance from those who had concluded that the districts named were in need of an up-to-date journal. The assistance took a practical form by way of promises of staunch support. Consequently the life of the MAGNET is ushered in under most favorable circumstances.

THE establishment of the paper is not based on personal agrandisement by any means. We, like others, felt that there was something wanting to further the interests of so important a centre. There was only one course open, and that was to establish a medium whereby full vent might be given to those attributes which go to popularise and bring before distant people all those essentials which tend to put the wheels of progress in motion. No one can doubt the existence of those wheels in our midst, neither can anyone look askance at the great possibilities that lay before us.

LOCAL agitation is very strong at the prevent time concerning the construction of a line of railway from Bega to Eden—a necessary work which, if carried out, will give a great impetus to the latter place as a commercial centre. If the iron horse can only be persuaded to venture so close to the coast as Eden it will mean the discomfiture in a measure of gentlemen engaged in the business, who would so far forget his duty as to assist an intending selector to solve the problem that bar the way to the land first step towards progress—it will mark an important epoch in the future history of our town and district. To the producer it will be an incalculable benefit—it will place at his disposal two of the most important market centres of the Commonwealth. Our settlers are entitled to such considerations. The proposed line will have our most hearty support.

WE touch upon railway matters as an important localism that needs all the assistance possible if a happy consummation is to be achieved—not because it is the only burning question existant to-day. There are other subjects which can be dealt with at a later period. Let us get the railway first. In the meantime let us agitate; let the Government see that we are in earnest; let us show that we are progressive, and intend to continue to traverse the course of commercial activity.

A NEWSPAPER without a policy is like the man who had been blown out to sea in a boat possessing neither oars nor sails: placed at the mercy of the four winds, travelling only in an erratic course beset him by currents of base indiscretion.

THE MAGNET has a policy; it is going to serve a Cause. DEMOCRACY!

IT is an incredible doctrine that without Labour there can be no Capital, and as this principle is unassailable, it follows that Labour is entitled to the pre-eminent position. To make life worth having the toiler has a right to his full of its delectations and enjoyments. The source of all Wealth is the result of Labour.

IN recent years the real producer of Capital and Wealth has been able to make his voice heard—and that voice will sound louder and stronger as development progresses, and he toiler will eventually become into his rights and be recognised no matter what his calling, as something better than a hireling, and possess such rights on even terms with the blood-sucker Capitalist.

READERS will note that in size and make-up the MAGNET is totally different to the general run of country newspapers. Also that an innovation has been brought about by making its pages more interesting by the introduction of illustrated matter depicting the beauty-spots of our district. We recognise the fact that Eden and many portions of southern Monaro should be brought before the Tourist people with much more prominence than hitherto existed.

IT is intended to make the MAGNET a "newspaper that is all news." The proprietors have made special arrangements for a prompt and concise telegraphic service whereby the doings of the world will be accurately chronicled Correspondents have been appointed throughout the whole electorate—so there should be no dearth of news concerning the doings of our neighbours. Shipping and commercial notes are also to be specialised, and particular importance is to be placed on all matters that affect the mining, pastoral and agricultural industries.

THE columns of the MAGNET are at all times open to correspondents who desire to move in matters of public interest. We emphasise the word "public" because we believe that personal grievances should not be ventilated per medium of the Press. We trust correspondents will take the hint. If you have an "edge" on the other fellow and wish to smite him adjourn to the back yard and make your impressions felt in a "manly" sort of way.

THE Federal Government have shelved the Fed. Cap. Site Bill This was only to be expected after reading the recent "feeling" gibber-jabber of the Housereps. Austin Chapman is a diligent worker for Dalgety, and stated a few weeks ago that Six Weeks would see pounds worth of Merinos in a yard full of Carbines and one of your down hacks, and you were offered your pick at a note a head, you wouldn't be long in making your choice. Dalgety's take the cake. Lyne (stumping the country) of the few that had not visited the Dalgety site. Possibly that is why the Government have drawn the Lyne in not endeavouring to pass the Bill this session. Truly, we are a patient lot of people, and Canberra a lot more red-tapeism than most folk. Leading commercial men in Sydney and Melbourne boast that Dalgety will ultimately be favoured

IT is rumoured that a move is to be made to place the J.P. lists throughout the State on a much sounder basis from an educational standpoint Some parliamentarians look upon present conditions with awe, and recognise the fact that it is a deplorable state of things when persons should be allowed to adjudicate on important cases when reading and writing are missing links in the qualifications of the Bench. Of course lackness in these respects may not seriously affect the ordinary wisdom of a person, but it certainly has questionable tendencies when the Bench is unable to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest all those good (?) things supplied in law amendments. Glaring cases of incompetency are brought to light in the police courts almost daily. It is only justice that a J.P. should be compelled to know law technicalities. To bring this about it is proposed to do away with the "honour" list and substitute in its place a band of judiciaries who have passed a necessary examination test

Poor Lazarus was a beggar
Whom everyone despised,
But he might have been the Rich
Man
Had he only advertised!

WE print the above lines in the interests of those who contemplate utilising the business columns of the MAGNET for making known the greatness of their business concerns.

LOCAL lovers of the piscatorial art have having a fine time amongst the various species of the finny tribe that inhabit the Bay. Large catches are of common occurrence.

## The Magnet.

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When the task of the day-time is over,
And the peace of the evening is near,
It is pleasant to turn and ponder and learn
How our little communities fare,
A magnet invisible lies in our hearts
And it draws all humanity nigh
With a smile for the healthy, and happy and gay,
And for all in affliction a sigh.

Now here is a Magnet, attraction for all;
Its pages are open for you—
Not the spirit of thought which flies and is lost,
But palpable, tangible, true.
Something to read by your fire at night
Of the coast and its doings by day—
A Magnet to chronicle Time in its flight
On the shores of this beautiful bay.

For the farmer with crops and with cattle,
For the teamster with bullocks and load,
For the miner deep down in the mountain
Where the metal shines bright in the lode,
For the axeman who toils in the forest,
For the fisherman lone on the sea,
For all who earn bread by the sweat of their brow,
The Magnet their paper shall be.

So let the MAGNET join you in your walk,
And be amongst your calm debates,
And speak, as old familiar voices talk,
Of all the goodness in the hearts of mates.
Together let us climb the hills of life,
And hand in hand through happy seasons go,
Grow with your growth and strengthen'd with your strength,
And all the intercourse of Friendship know.

C.L.

A MOST interesting article, dealing with early Monaro appears on page [illegible] To his surprise, [illegible] was scarcely questioned at all. He [illegible] thought a reason for this from a man [illegible] will not recall the [illegible] 1852) the reprint will mark reminiscences of the olden days to those who have been blessed with longevity

SOMETIME in the far-away future men will look back and laugh at the antics cut by Australia in more spheres than one, and it is to be sincerely hoped that there will be Australians to join in the merriment. For a good while there has been talk of the importance of national defence. And some have alleged that we could not raise a citizen soldiery. However, facts coming to light prove several things It's not so very long ago that 'twas found that there was no ammunition to speak of for the paltry few guns the land's possessed of. And now its becoming apparent that there are no rifles for the lads who want to learn to shoot. In several country centres complaints are made that the cadets have never been armed. In Sydney its the exception to meet a boy-soldier with a rifle of any use save for drill. A few weeks ago it was recorded that 50 cadets on visiting Randwick rifle range for practice found only seven rifles for distribution amongst them. National defence is a very dreamy subject yet.

THE appearance of "bunny" on coastal areas does not provide the land man with cheering thoughts of the future. The rabbit may provide a commercial asset, but he's a genuine menace to the welfare of the tiller of the soil. Some time ago the idea was ridiculed in Western centres that the pest would thrive on the coast in consequence of the moistness of the soil, which would, in addition to being too chilly for comfort, provide extra difficulties in burrowing operations. The rabbit is now with us on the South Coast, and it is really surprising how rapidly numbers increase. Farmers should take early steps to eradicate—otherwise the rabbit will stay, the farmer go!

SYDNEY "Bulletin" says:—"Now that two large companies are sending steamships to Twofold Bay, the future of the Federal Capital's port may be called assured. But to be [illegible] with a [illegible] N.S.W. [illegible] soil, red and poor in quality. The land totally unfit for cultivation, too rough [illegible] partment estimated some [illegible] that the breakwater would cost £150,000. Jetties are also needed But with improvements amounting altogether to under £200,000 it was stated that Twofold Bay would rival Port Jackson as a secure anchorage and naval base." The "Bully" knows something.

DICK ARNST has challenged Webb for the world's sculling championship. The farmer has deposited the preliminary "hundred," and Webb's backers covered with a like number of golden shekels. December of the present year has been set down as the month of doubt waivering. If Arnst succeeds in annexing the title his athletic turns may be set down as something to marvel at After winning a Sydney Thousand cycling event he took to the oars, and after falling out of his 'rigger declared that one day he would be the champion oarsman of the world! Rather a big boast for a then new chum, but his boast might prove true Both men are Maorilanders; Arnst will probably row as an Australian; residence no doubt qualifies such. The event will be rowed on the Wanganui River, New Zealand.

AUSTY CHAPMAN must have had a real hearty laugh in the House of Representatives a few days ago when Member Johnson asked him if he had read accounts in the day-lie newspapers of terrible weather in the Monaro district and the experiences of snow-bound travellers. Mr. Johnson also suggested that some parliamentarians should proceed thither and become snow-bound with a view of finding out what it is like to risk their lives! "Austy" rejoined that he would be pleased to organise a trip if the questioner would accompany the party. Edea-Monaro's representative evidently knows the exact thickness of Johnson's political [illegible] cold would never penetrate.

The "Bar" of England [illegible] banquetting Prime Minister [illegible] because he is the first lawyer to [illegible] Governmental control after a lapse of 99 years. In New South Wales the six-and-eightpenny gentlemen have had control for a great many years. Our legislature is practically composed of lawyers. Laws are made by lawyers for lawyers. If an "unprofessional" enters the House he is invariably turned out an independent "pro." In recent years New South Wales Parliament has been responsible for more lawyers than statesmen.

FITZPATRICK, M.L.A., has evidently come to the conclusion that he had thrown a huge bomb, that didn't explode, into Parliamentary Labor circles by making an effort to revive land scandal matters. "Fitzy" reckons that during the whole time the scandals were being discussed the Labor party stood aloof calling black white and white no color at all; also that there were Labor members cognisant of what was going on in the Lands Department, and that he could mention the names of some members of the Party who had accepted bribes from the agents. These statements are reported as having made a profound impression. Of course they did As it was on the eve of an election (St. George) it's a wonder that a sensation was averted! At any rate, Fitzpatrick didn't mention any names; this fact is at least consoling. We doubt if he ever will divulge the secret.

We wish to draw the attention of our subscribers and the public generally to the advertisement of the National Mutual Life Association which appears in another portion of this paper. Commencing operations in 1869 on the mutual principle this office has in the space of 38 years built up an accumulated fund of just on £5,000,000 and in such period has paid in claims over £4,300,000—a truly remarkable record, and one the members may well be proud of. This office claims to be the first in the [illegible] in the bar parlor of the [illegible] and lost no time in stating his business. [illegible] to its position, [illegible] LAPSE [illegible] lowed to lapse so long as there is sufficient surrender value to pay one instalment of premium. By this method thousands of families have been saved from want. The progress made by this office during the past 12 years has been truly phenomenal. The funds have grown from £1,560,225 to £4,844,002 the annual income from £277,657 to £898,253, and the new business written per annum from £643,755 to £3,080,127. The amount at risk exceeds £19,000,000. These figures are conclusive evidence of the strength of this Association. The funds are carefully and profitably invested—mostly in broad acres and as preference is given to that class of security any farmers in our midst who require assistance will do well to apply to this association. Every class of policy is issued by this Office and as the conditions are very liberal we have no hesitation in recommending it to the public.

## POT POURRI.

(BY "ANTONIO")

GOOD luck to the MAGNET! The writer will understand the difficulty in getting out a first issue, ugh! its a contract. But settle down to win, and readers will not be too rough on the defects natural to a first effort. Twofold Bay folk should feel honored to know they are getting another sentinel to guard their interests. That they will appreciate the facts will be evidenced by the number of names that are allowed to appear on the subscribers book, and the advertisements that appear in its columns.

The destiny of a newspaper lies in the hands of its subscribers and supporters. It is for their benefit, and it is for them to stand by it loyally and nurse it till it is able to stand alone. From what fame rumour says the MAGNET will cover a good wide field for business men to advertise their wares, and there can be no doubt whatever as to the advantage of advertising in a weekly paper as against a daily. For instance, a man picks up a daily and glances at the telegrams first, then perhaps at the report of a meeting in which he is interested, or at the sporting or some other special items, and then throws it away. He hasn't time to even think of the advertisements, and if he had, in a few hours the paper is useless because it is superseded by the next issue. But a weekly is different. It goes home, its articles are read, it is looked through from beginning to end, and it lasts until the next issue appears a week later. But, above all, it is carefully read on Sunday. All the great advertising firms of the world are with us in this. Look at the marvellous growth of the American and English weeklies during the past ten years, look how the advertisements are poured into them, and you will understand.

A really good traveller is worth his weight in gold, or, rather, he would be if he didn't know it. That unfortunate "if" spoils the best traveller in the world, because the better he is the better he knows it. And the more convinced he is of being a really good traveller the higher his price becomes. Now a man of very moderate ability wants 25 per cent, all his expenses and carriage paid, three months' holiday in a year, an early partnership, his principal as a father-in-law, and a few other trifling advantages. Can we wonder, then, that the really clever one wants just a little more than any firm on earth can afford to give him? There is only one absolutely perfect "commercial" in the world. He has every necessary quality and attribute. An industry that never tires, an energy that never flags, a perseverance that never despairs, a persistance that never annoys or becomes obstrusive. He is as punctual as the clock. He commands respect because he is respectful. Courteous in manner, refined in [illegible] well spoken and full of tact—to him granted as a right, the hearing which others have to beg as a favor.

[illegible] OR LATER, THEREFORE, [illegible] successful [illegible] loses his temper; and although his conversation is animated, instructive and anecdotal, he has never been known to tell a risque story, or to say an unworthy thing. Whilst praising the goods of his employers, he is modest as to his own merits, and can always wait until his own customer is at liberty to hear what he has to say. In this way many a quiet chat does he enjoy with a likely buyer, at times and in places when some "commercials" are attenuating the dinner hour in the billiard-room, or wasting the evening over penny "nap."

Compare for a moment this gentleman's plan of campaign with that of the ordinary traveller. He travels express, and goes about his work quickly and unobtrusively, yet confident of himself and to the house he represents. He remains on the spot for consultation or reference at any moment. He inspires confidence because in discussing business, he talks only hard facts and useful business information He has never been known to avail himself unfairly of any connection or information; and once a firm has utilised his services they always find him a true and genuine friend, and they never forsake him. This is the traveller every good firm wants to get hold of, and he is personified in the TWOFOLD BAY MAGNET. To advertisers, "Antonio's" advice is Use its advertising columns—if want to push biz!

Now in bumpers we'll fill,
And with hearty good-will,
"Here's luck to the MAGNET to-day!"
May it flourish right truly,
And ne'er grow unruly;
What more its well-wishers say?

Let come weal, or come woe
Let its pages o'erflow
With news of a true British ring;
Let all honor abound,
And true justice be found:
Success in their footprints will bring.

LAND HUNGER! The other day there were 9 applicants for one settlement lease in the Killarney district.

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