

Pigs.—Informations have been filed at the police office against several parties for allowing their pigs and cattle to run loose about the streets.

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS.

NEWCASTLE. STATE OF THE GAOL.—The following was the state of her Majesty's gaol on Wednesday last:—For trial, males 37, females 3; for other stations, males 7; under sentence to hard labour, males 4, females 5; in the cells, males 4; debtors, male 1, female 1; confines, males 12, female 1; for assignment, females 19; total, males 65, females 28. In hospital, males 2, females 6.

DEATH FROM DROWNING.—On Saturday last an unfortunate man named Samuel Taylor, free by servitude, being in a dreadful state of intoxication, jumped from a boat lying at the wharf to recover his hat, which had blown into the water, and was drowned, before any assistance could be obtained, although he was but a few yards from the steps.

POLICE OFFICE.—On Wednesday last Japhet Coats, a prisoner in the stockade, was brought before the bench, charged with being drunk and disorderly, and with being insolent and abusive to the sergeant of the guard.

QUEEN'S BIRTH DAY.—Wednesday being her Majesty's birthday, the officers of the government and of the steamers displayed their jacks and other flags, and the military fired a feu de joie in front of the barracks.

RAYMOND TERRACE.

THE CROPS.—The settlers in this quarter are busy sowing wheat, and the ground, generally speaking, is in excellent order. Here and there in the low grounds there has been a little too much wet. The crops of maize are very heavy, as are also the potatoe crops, better, I believe, than have been grown for many years, both for quantity and quality.

THE ELECTION.—We are all in the dark here as to the day appointed for the election. Nearly all the electors in this quarter are pledged in favour of Mr. Windeyer, so that party feeling does not run to a very high pitch in this district.

MURRURUNDI.

News in this quarter of the colony is like money, very scarce—long faces and empty pockets. However, we still continue to go ahead slowly. Markets of every description (compared with Maitland) are very high. Fat cattle cannot be purchased for less than fourteen or fifteen shillings per cwt, while in Maitland they may be purchased for half that rate: sheep are altogether unsaleable.

There are still some bushrangers over the Liverpool Range, though their depredations are as yet limited. We have heard no accounts lately of shooting at with intent to murder, or of any other offence committed by them of an unusually outrageous character.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the Maitland Mercury. GENTLEMEN—Some discussions having lately taken place amongst parties in this district interested in the contemplated district councils of the colony, implying misconceptions as to their appointments and duties, I shall, in common with many others, feel obliged by your affording your readers an exposition of those matters in as early a number of the Mercury as your kindness and convenience will permit.—I am, gentlemen (sed nolo episcopari),

Wollombi, 20th May, 1843.

[In our publication of February 18th we gave an abstract of that part of the Act of Parliament relating to the constitution and duties of the district councils. We will, however, recur to the subject at as early an opportunity as possible.—Eds. M. M.]

SYDNEY NEWS.

Thursday evening. Matters are still as dull as ever, but the heaviness of the times was a little relieved by the rejoicings of yesterday, in honor of her Majesty's birthday.

Electoneering remains as before, at a stand still, but I understand that Mr. J. R. Brennan is about to take a turn through the county of Cumberland in order to visit and encourage his supporters. I may remark here that when Mr. Brennan first commenced his canvass I entertained but little expectation of its ever proving successful, but since then he has met with so much support that I have but little doubt of his going in. There is no doubt, however, that he will be accompanied by Mr. J. Macarthur, whose interest among a very numerous body of the electors appears to be very strong.

large, and have actually robbed some drays this morning, although the police are in active pursuit of them. From the audacity and success with which they have hitherto carried on their marauding excursions, I am inclined to think that they are assigned servants of persons living near the scenes of their depredations, and possessed of the means of securing a safe and hasty retreat.

A barque (I believe the Australasian Packet) has just arrived from China, but from all I can learn she has brought no news worthy of notice. The City Council has formed itself into a court of appeal for the purpose of hearing and disposing of objections to the assessment list, and it has been sitting every day during the present week (yesterday excepted) for that purpose.

THE PRESS.—Several small periodicals have lately been started in Sydney. One of these, the "Tatler," a concern about the size of half a sheet of letter paper folded, comes out daily, and is devoted solely to the publication of theatrical critiques. The "John Bull" and the "Sun," are Saturday publications, and although small in size are very tolerably conducted. There is also the "Squib" and the "Billy Barlow," both of which are little nondescript useless things, consisting of a collection of the most unmeaning trash, crammed into about six square inches of paper, and printed most vilely. These publications, however, are all of a kind which seldom prove long lived, and in the present depressed times, when even the old sterling journals of the colony can scarcely keep themselves afloat, it is surprising how they have existed even so long as they have.

Wednesday being the twenty-fourth anniversary of her Majesty's birth, was observed as a holiday, and the usual festivities took place. At sunrise the royal standard was hoisted, and at eight most of the ships in port were decorated with flags. At twelve o'clock, a royal salute was fired from Fort Macquarie, and a feu de joie by the 80th Regiment, which was stationed in the outer domain, under the command of Colonel Baker; after which the regiment marched past the Commander of the Forces in slow and quick time, and then returned to barracks; the Grenadier company, with the band and Queen's colour, filing off to Government House for a guard of honour during the levee, which was as usual attended by the members of the Legislative and Executive councils, the officers of the army, the French and American consuls, the clergy, the members of the bar, and a great number of other gentlemen.

During the day there was a sailing match for a sweepstake of £8, between four of the second class sailing boats viz., the Bright Planet, Corsair's Bride, Slap up, and Witch. The race was well contested, and was won by the Witch. Immediately after the race the owner of the Bright Planet challenged the owner of the Witch to sail for the sum of £20, which challenge was accepted, but the day of sailing was not appointed.

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND.—We would call the attention of the electors who have promised to vote for Cooper to the proceedings of the Supreme Court on Monday and yesterday. It is rather singular that orator Lynch, "one of the people," as he described himself, should have been the victim of Cooper's overbearing tyrannical conduct. Oh! if a gentleman had acted as Cooper has done, the pseudo-liberals would have made the colony echo with their denunciations of the aristocrat.—Herald.—Fudge!

The Australasian Chronicle states that an individual in Sydney is endeavouring to establish Zoological Gardens, on the principle of the Surrey Zoological Gardens, London, and that the Mayor and Council are about to use their influence with his Excellency the Governor to obtain a portion of the unoccupied part of the Domain for this purpose.

A special general meeting of the proprietors of the Bank of Australia is advertised to be held on the 1st of July, to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving the partnership, in accordance with the 73rd clause of the deed of settlement.

A meeting of the proprietors of the Commercial Bank is called for the 10th June, to elect a director in the room of John Alexander, Esq., resigned.

Richard Theobald Platt, accountant, died in the debtors prison, Carter's Barracks, on Sunday morning last. An inquest was held on Monday, from which it appeared that the deceased had been imprisoned about fourteen days ago, being then in a bad state of health; that he subsequently fled his schedule in the insolvent court, and was discharged from custody, but was so ill as to be unable to be moved. It appeared also that death had been caused by a disease in the chest, induced by intemperate habits, and accelerated by a previous cold. He had been appointed trustee in upwards of sixty insolvent estates, only about ten of which he had wound up. The amount of his defalcation is not known, but it is supposed to amount to several thousand pounds.

An opinion is said to prevail extensively among the monied interests in the city, that the approaching session of Parliament will bring forth some sweeping measure for the final settlement of the currency question, and for giving the best protection to the public that the cause will admit, in regard to banking affairs generally.—London paper.

COMMERCIAL REMARKS.

We have again to report that business continues dull in Maitland, where little or nothing is doing, either by buyers or sellers; nearly all articles remain at the prices we quoted last week. Maize and wheat are without any alteration here, though we learn that in the Sydney market maize is looking up a little, there having been during the last two or three weeks a very scanty supply from the interior; more than 2s. 6d. a bushel is not offered in Maitland at present, though a rise may be expected shortly if the demand in Sydney continues.

In consequence of the new potatoes being brought into the market, there has been a fall in

the price of this article of consumption, and potatoes may now be purchased at 4s. per cwt. Dairy produce, bread, meat, firewood, coal, and most other articles remain at our last quotations.

IMPOUNDINGS.

Impounded at the West Maitland pound—A chestnut horse, long switch tail, branded under the saddle near side JC conjoined, shoes on, rising five years old, damages 1s 6d; a bullock, ears, neck, and rump red, the rest white, branded on the off rump JB conjoined, damages 1s; a cow, red and white, marked in the off ear, branded on the ribs off side apparently TJ, has a dark red heifer calf by her side, not branded, damages 5s; a red and white heifer, about eighteen months old, brand on the ribs off side not legible. If not duly released, will be sold.

JOHN LEDSAM, Poundkeeper.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY. The Sheriff, on the premises of Mr. Fairs, Okehampton, at noon, working bullocks, drays, horses, cows, furniture, &c. TUESDAY. The Sheriff, at the Union Hotel, East Maitland, at noon, working bullocks, cattle, mare, and foal.

LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE ERECTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH, West Maitland.—Sunday Evening, May 21st, 1843.

Table listing names and amounts for the church subscription, including Rev. Mr. Lynch, Messrs. John Tierney, Thomas Dee, M. Stack, J. Connor, P. Mulcahey, Holmes, M'Crear, Miss Ellen Desmond, Master James Cahill, Mrs. Critchley, Master Critchley, Messrs. D. Tyter, James Mahony, John M'Clusker, Mrs. Doyle, Messrs. William Quinn, M. Murphy, E. Smith, Thomas Tyrrell, O'Brion, P. Comerford, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Tyrrell, Miss Margaret Flynn, Miss Caroline Flynn, Mrs. Fegan, Mrs. Comerford, A. Friend, Mrs. Hyde, Mr. Whelan, John Tyter, Stephen Lynch, Miss Lynch, R. A. Wiseman, Esq., Messrs. M. Stack, Thomas Turner, A. Friend, Messrs. Cahill, Doyle, Whelan, A. Friend, Mrs. Cahill, Messrs. O'Brion, Robertson, Wilson, P. Tighe, Miss Desmond.

410 Amount of cash received. £8 0 2

Leather.

H. ROURKE, SADDLERY and HARNESS MANUFACTORY (between the Angel Inn and Mercury Printing Office), respectfully begs to thank the public generally for the unprecedented patronage bestowed on him in the above business during the past seven years, which business he intends to continue, with the same undeviating attention which has marked his past conduct to all who were pleased to honor him with their commands; and he further begs, through the medium of a public advertisement, to acquaint those of his friends in Maitland and the surrounding country who are not aware of his having done so, that he has opened an extensive TANNERY, under the title of ROURKE & CO., in the rear of his present premises, where they will experience the advantage of what has been long wanted in Maitland—an extensive assortment of KIP, KANGAROO, BASIL, CALF, SOLE, and HARNESS LEATHER, which has been pronounced by the trade to be equal, if not superior, to any yet offered for sale in this colony, due attention having been paid to the time required and quality of materials used in its preparation, which, under the management of first-rate workmen, has produced it in its present state of perfection.

ROURKE & Co. beg leave to impress it on those GENTLEMEN, STOREKEEPERS, and TRADE, residing in the country, that any orders for the above articles forwarded to them, with an enclosed remittance, shall be attended to with the same degree of correctness as if they were themselves present.

N. B.—Hides and Skins purchased for cash. An experienced TANNER wanted. 419

THE undersigned begs to inform the inhabitants of Maitland and the surrounding districts that he has removed from his former residence to opposite the Commercial Bank, where he still intends carrying on business as BUILDER, CABINET MAKER, and UNDERTAKER. A large stock of Furniture always on hand, which he can dispose of at very low prices. P.S. Funerals conducted in the most respectable manner, with hearse and mourning coach complete. HENRY IKIN. Maitland; May 20, 1843. 422

Just Received, and on Sale by the undersigned, DUNBAR'S ALE and PORTER, BRANDY, GIN, and RUMS, of the best quality, in wood and bottle. LAW. POTTS. ALSO ON SALE, Some of that prolific seed, TREFOLIUM. 423

THE following Gentlemen have requested their names to appear as supporters of

- Major Wentworth:—Adams, Henry; Ashford, John; Archer, Thomas; Anthony, William; Anderson, John; Brackenreg, James; Baldwin, Otto; Barry, Alexander; Brown, William; Biddulph, Captain; Boggs, John; Brown, Thomas; Bowman, George; Bendall, C. H.; Blackwell, John; Beardmore, Frederick; Bolsom, George; Badcock, James; Brett, William; Barker, James; Buckland, Charles; Bridekirk, Joseph; Berry, H.; Balmain, John; Benson, William; Boyne, Lachlan; Bowman, George; Capper, E. P.; Cummins, R. P.; Cathrowe, Charles; Crew, Charles; Clark, Charles; Connor, John; Cox, James; Coulter, Ross; Craft, James; Cremmin, David; Crump, Mr.; Cavanagh, Hugh; Connor, John; Crutchley, William; Cutts, Robert; Clark, William; Cooper, Thomas; Cahill, James; Chick, George; Crook, Henry; Cheater, William; Chapman, William; Caldwell, John; Carson, Samuel; Callahan, John; Connolly, John; Cain, William; Clift, Samuel; Doyle, C. M.; Doyle, J. F.; Dangar, Henry; Dickson, Thomas; Dee, Thomas; Dickson, Alexander; Dunmore, Richard; Derry, James; Dangar, Thomas; Duncan, John; Donnelly, John; Eales, John; Evans, Thomas; Early, Henry; Evans, Owen; Eckford, John; Eckford, H.; Edye, Dr.; Edmondstone, E.; Furber, George; Ferguson, James; Fay, Valentine; Ford, William; Foreman, Larkin; Fagan, Patrick; Fleming, John; Forebone, Luke; Farrell, John; Fairbrother, Luke; Green, Peter; Graham, James; Griffiths, John; Gumble, George; Gordon, R.; Graham, James; Gunter, Henry; Green, Robert; Horton, James; Halfpenny, James; Holcombe, John; Heugh, William; Hindson, Captain; Hannon, John; Hawkins, Edward; Hughes, Charles; Hannell, James; Hall, William; Hughes, Philip; Hinchcliffe, Jacob; Ikin, Henry; Irvine, Lieut.; Jennings, John, sen.; Jenkins, D.; Keddie, Robert; Knight, Robert; Kingally, James; Lipscomb, William; Logan, David; Lloyd, William; Liddell, Andrew; Logan, Robert; Lockhart, Mr.; Laing, A.; M'Dougall, Alexander; M'Neale, James; M'Neall, John; M'Pherson, Alexander; M'Greavy, James; M'Lachlan, James; Murphy, Daniel; Murphy, Michael; Moore, James; Molony, John; Mallon, Dr.; Mahony, Timothy; M'Dougall, J.; Miller, James; Mulcahey, Patrick; M'Curdy, J. W.; Noyes, Silas; Nicholson, William; Nicholls, Thomas; Oakley, Robert; Owen, Samuel; Prentice, Thomas; Prentice, Charles; Poulton, George; Patterson, David; Perfrement, J.; Pouter, Edward; Page, William; Podmore, Richard; Purdon, Charles; Platt, Fred. William; Pike, Captain; Priest, Edward; Quinn, William; Reid, James; Russell, Bourn; Rourke, Henry; Reeves, Henry; Risby, Josh.; Richards, John; Richardson, John; Stappleton, Thomas; Smith, John; Smith, James; Stewart, John; Stirling, William; Swales, Josh.; Swales, Josh.; Stewart, Mathew; Scraggs, Mr.; Tierney, John; Taylor, John; Tinson, W.; Turner, John; Turner, David; Turner, Mark; Turner, George, sen.; Thompson, James; Turner, George; Thompson, John; Thomas, Thomas; Wolfe, James; Wilson, Coates; Wall, William P.; Wood, William; Williams, George; Wallis, William; Wells, William; Woods, George; Wilkinson, John; Wiseman, R. A.; Watson, William; Watkins, Josh.; Winchester, Mr.; Wentworth, W. C.; Walpole, John; Winder, Thomas; Weller, George, sen.; Williams, William; Williams, Jas., miller; Ward, Thomas; Young, James; Yeomans, George; Zuill, John 328

Mr. A. W. Scott's Committee.

"Unity is strength."

THE following Gentlemen have consented to act as a Committee for the return of Mr. Scott for the Representation of the Northumberland Boroughs:—

- Messrs.—Jos. Chambers; R. Johnson; R. Smith; Tuck; Glew; Galway; Plaistowe; Walthall; Shaw; Lee; H. Tucker; Pender; Carruthers; Campbell; Sloan; Green; A. P. Foster; W. Eckford; J. Whittel; Ward; J. Ledsam; Crofton; Samuel Cohen; Mutlow; Taylor; Harrington; William Payne; Robert Cottrell; Daniel Morgan; Edmund Mulcahey; James Stilsby; A. Ross; Brett; J. Scott; Robert Bridges; Jesse Pullen; Alexander Welsh; John Saunders; David Cameron; Thomas Grace; Thomas Ashton; Robert Ballard; George Chittinham; Jeremiah Fitzgerald; Robert Bussell; James Holdstock; Benjamin Cutler; William Hart; Edward Richardson; Patrick Comerford; William Hockert; Patrick Brian; Smithers; Thomas Cooper; William Pelling; Galloway; Mosley; M. Wood; M'Intosh; Piddington; Collins; Kingsmill; Wildow; Messrs.—Stark; J. Scott; P. J. Cohen; N. Hart; Hudson; M. Richardson; Rouse; Steele; Ranclaud; Kemp; Laper; Dr. Wilton; Reynolds; Norton; Beck; Groves; Buxton; Flood; Tighe; Lawson; Hannell; Perry; W. Scott; Roberts; Usher; Davies; Jackson; Bolton; Dr. Brooks; Messrs.—J. Clarke; Jos. Shaw; Bridges; Shandley; Graham; Latham; Cronsdill; Henderson; Hainshaw; Harrison; Henry Smith; Court; Prayer; Simpson; Henry Rae; Honeysett; Whittaker, E. M.; Random; Felton; Connelly; Crutchley; Cowell; William Collins; Luke Holmes; Irwin; Lockhart; Lawless; Donald M'Laglan; Pringle; Woods; John Stone 340

ROBERT COTTRELL, COACH BUILDER, High-street, West Maitland, begs respectfully to inform his friends and the public that he continues to execute in the first style every article in his line, and pledges himself that all orders with which he may be favoured shall be executed in the best manner and on the most economical terms. R. C. trusts by unremitting attention to merit such a share of public patronage as has hitherto crowned his successful efforts. N. B. Carls, Drays, and all kinds of Farming Utensils, made to order. Maitland West. 402

Hats and Caps.

THE undersigned have received, ex Victoria, Five cases of Silk and Beaver HATS, and One case of Naval and Military Cloth CAPS, manufactured expressly for themselves, and now on sale at their Stores at Maitland and Morpeth, for cash only. 370 D. & J. DICKSON.

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EVERY DESCRIPTION OF JOB PRINTING, Including Posting and Hand Bills, Pamphlets, Catalogues, Circulars, Cards, Billheads, Cheques, Labels, Law and other Forms, &c., &c., executed with despatch, in a neat and accurate manner, and at reasonable prices.

Sales by Auction.

Sheriff's Sale. In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Fisher v. Fairs. Muir v. same. ON SATURDAY, the 27th day of May instant, at Noon, on Defendant's Premises, at Okehampton, the Sheriff will cause to be sold, Several teams of WORKING BULLOCKS Drays, Yokes, &c. Two Horses Milch Cows Furniture, &c. The property of defendant: unless these executions be previously satisfied. JOHN KINGSMILL, Sheriff's Bailiff. East Maitland, May 22, 1843. 417

Sheriff's Sale. In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Brown v. Forster. Melville v. Same. ON TUESDAY, the 30th day of May, at Noon, at the Union Hotel, East Maitland, the Sheriff will cause to be sold, Six WORKING BULLOCKS Twenty head of Cattle (more or less mixed herd) One Mare and Foal The property of Defendant: unless these executions be previously satisfied. JOHN KINGSMILL, Sheriff's Bailiff. East Maitland, May 23, 1843. 418

Notice. IF Mr. Baldwin, Butcher, West Maitland, does not call at the George and Dragon public house, East Maitland, and pay for the repairs and painting done to his gig, it will be sold in ten days from this date to defray expenses. PATRICK WELDON. Maitland, May 25th, 1843. 420

EDWARD GREENLAND, PUMP MAKER, begs leave to inform the inhabitants of East and West Maitland that he is now drawing in timber to commence his old line of business (Pump Making). He will have one fixed on Mr. Tuck's premises in the early part of next week. Pumps made and fixed complete for 5s. 6d. per foot. 421

Reduced Prices, in accordance with the times. LAWRENCE POTTS & CO., having taken to the STORES lately carried on by Captain CASWELL, at Raymond Terrace, beg to acquaint the inhabitants of the surrounding district, that they are determined not only to sell articles of the very best quality, but at prices which, on comparison with any other house, will be sure to give satisfaction, and ensure to them a fair share of public patronage, which they will endeavour to merit. They will have constantly on sale the undermentioned:—Groceries of all descriptions; Drapery and Haberdashery; Wines and Beer; Ironmongery of every description. Raymond Terrace, May 16, 1843. 404

Bonnets, in Dunstable, Tuscan, Rutland, and Venetian. THE undersigned have received, ex Clarendon, Five Cases of the above, composed of everything modern in material and shape, and now on sale at their Stores at Maitland and Morpeth, for cash only. D & J. DICKSON 377