

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Beulah Swimming Club.

A start has been made on the shed at the baths, which should be completed this week. This should give satisfaction to swimmers and to householders living near at hand.

Cr. Learmonth's Seat.

According to rumors it is likely that Mr T. McMahon, of Rosebery, will contest the seat in the north riding of the Shire of Karkaroc, rendered vacant by the resignation of Cr. Learmonth.

The Helping Hand.

Mr Kelsall who has enlisted, showed a further patriotic spirit at the clearing sale conducted on his behalf by donating a young horse to be disposed of for patriotic purposes. As a result of his generosity over £5 was realised.

Thrown from a Horse.

James Stevens, a farm laborer from Galaquill East, was thrown from a horse on Friday last, and sustained rather severe injuries to his head as a result. Dr. Morgan attended to the sufferer who was able to return home next day.

New Motor Car.

Mr F. Jende's fine new car, an up-to-date 6 cylinder Cadillac, made its first appearance in Beulah last Saturday. Mr Jende is to be congratulated on being the purchaser of one of the best cars in the district.

Beulah Rifle Club.

The above club, which was resuscitated towards the end of last year, will shortly be in full swing. The sum necessary to start on the improvements has been granted, and all difficulties having now been overcome, the work will be commenced immediately.

A Mallee Serpent.

A few days ago Mr C. Kemp, of Meanton, found a mallee serpent on his farm which he estimated must have been fully 18 ft. long. It was coiled up neatly asleep, and the top ring of him stood about the height of an ordinary table. These serpents are said to be harmless.

A Bolt.

Some excitement was caused in Taverner street this morning by a bolting horse owned by Mr Ferguson, of Gala-

quill East. In endeavoring to negotiate the gutter in front of Mr R Smith's office it collided with the verandah, which was badly damaged. A hood, attached to the buggy, was wrecked.

Stock Sales.

Messrs Mitchell Bros. and White report having held a successful sale at Lamplough's yards, Beulah, on Friday, 18th inst., when they yarded 1500 sheep and sold 500 at an average of £1 10s 11d per head. Crossbred weathers 34s, crossbred ewes 2-tooth, 27s, comeback ewes, 8-tooth 31s, crossbred lambs 27s 6d, crossbred ewes and weathers 31s 4d, merino ewes 8-tooth 30s 6d.

Teamster Badly Crushed.

Arthur Brown, a teamster, residing at Jung, sustained serious injury near Warracknabeal on Friday while driving a waggon loaded with 100 bags of wheat. He fell under the wheel, which passed over his right side, crushing his shoulder and leg, dislocating the arm and bursting his foot through the boot in several places. In this terrible plight he climbed on to the waggon, where he was found shortly afterwards in an exhausted state. The sufferer was removed to Warracknabeal Hospital, and admitted in a weak condition from loss of blood. He is progressing favorably, and hopes are entertained of saving his life.

Red Cross Society.

At the usual weekly meeting on Wednesday, much satisfaction was expressed at the amounts obtained by the various collectors from the recently inaugurated weekly subscriptions. Most contributors have agreed to give the ubiquitous 3d, which though never missed at the time, soon amounts to a handsome sum. More workers are urgently needed and ladies are earnestly requested to aid this good cause by either attending the sewing meetings or by doing some of the work at home. The following is a list of goods despatched yesterday:— 8 pairs slippers, 6 top flannels, 23 handkerchiefs, 5 under-flannels, 1 pair bed socks, 77 pillow slips, 3 pair socks, 9 suits pyjamas, 2 scarfs, parcel old linen, 1 helmet, 1 rug, 4 cushions.

Local Picture Entertainment.

The programme of pictures presented by Mr Keith McAllister at the Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening last could not but please the most ex-

last could not but please the most exacting and the large audience spent a most enjoyable evening. The programme covered a wide range of subjects. During the evening Denver Dixon, who has been sent to Australia from America to advertise the Selig company explained the various pictures in which he himself appears. He also gave an exhibition of lassoing and skipping, which gave the audience an idea of what a Cowboy can do, and roused those present to a high pitch of enthusiasm. He was warmly applauded. The success of Friday night's entertainment should encourage Mr McAllister to run the entertainment at frequent intervals.

Church News.

Harvest Festivals are the order of the day—and when were the farmers hearts more glad than to-day? On every hand there are evidences of prosperity. Last year the usual harvest thanksgiving services could not be held with the same enthusiasm as now. Last Sunday Beulah East Methodist and Kerriwerchip Baptist had full congregations. Every Sunday for a time has a Harvest Thanksgiving service somewhere.

Wheat for Home Consumption.

Prior to the commencement of business at the Karkaroc Council meeting on Tuesday, Cr. Raggott referred to the action that was being taken to reduce the price of wheat for home use. He moved that the council wire to the Minister of Agriculture strongly protesting against reductions in the price of wheat for home consumption believing it would be detrimental to the best interests of producers, considering the high cost of production and handling. Cr. Hatcher seconded the motion and said it was only fair they should get the price the wheat was worth in the world's market. The motion was supported by Crs Richards and Roberts and carried unanimously. It was also decided to wire the Dimboola council, which was sitting that day, asking them to endorse their action.

Oh, What a Night it Must Have Been.

An amusing experience befell our representative in connection with his visit to Hopetoun this week. After attending the banquet to Mr Chamberlain he thought it time to leave for home, and in the absence of the groom harnessed up what he believed to be his horse. Before going far he thought, judging by the pace the niddy was making, that the groom must have been very attentive to the horse, but he had no idea he had "rung the changes." Imagine his surprise when he was informed this morning that he had brought back another animal. The only excuse

formed this morning that he had brought back another animal. The only excuse he has is that a man of the cloth, who had driven the horse previously and had not been present at the banquet, fed and watered him yesterday without being aware of the change. Oh yes, the function was a most successful one.

A Sad Fatality.

Mr Richard Burgin, formerly of Galaquil East, where he married Miss Planer, teacher of the Galaquil East State School, met his death under most pathetic circumstances last week. Mr Burgin, accompanied by his son, aged 12, was shooting at Lake Bogan. He shot a duck and before going into the water for it, divested himself of his upper garments. He was a good swimmer, but when in deep water his trousers must have slipped and encumbered his legs. The lad noticed his father's difficulty and gallantly plunged into his assistance. He reached his parent and managed to hold his face above water until a friend rode in on horseback, fastened a rope halter around Burgin's head, and pulled him out. The lad who was thoroughly exhausted by his efforts was also drawn out by the same rope, still clinging to his father. Restorative measures were applied but without success. The deceased, who was 42 years old, leaves a wife and infant son, in addition to the lad who so gallantly went to the rescue.

Attention is directed to Miss Beatrice Taylor's announcement in our business columns. Miss Taylor specialises in pedicuring, and those suffering from corns, bunions and other feet affections would do well to consult her. Appointments may be made at Lamplough's Hotel.