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Church of England—
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins, 10.30 a.m.
Sunday School, 3 p.m.
Evening, 7.30 p.m.
REV. A. S. CRACKNELL.
Methodist Church—
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 3 p.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
REV. ARTHUR MASON.

DEATH.

HERRING—Killed in action in France on 2nd April, Private Jack Herring, late of Sandstone. Aged 23 years 10 months.

Meekatharra Miner

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1917.

General News.

Meekatharra's representative on the Fire Brigade Board is Mr. James Theophilus Guy.

A referendum was taken in Queensland on Saturday on the question of the abolition of the Upper House, when the voting was—For, 90,655; against, 136,286.

Four recruits left Meekatharra by Monday's train, having been passed as fit by the local medical officer.

Mr. James Eves, who has been on a short visit to Adelaide, returned to Meekatharra by Wednesday's train.

West Australian contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund has already reached £28,470 11s 8d, and the special Christmas appeal for Belgium's children £744 8s 7½d.

The Rev. Father Irwin visits Nannine on Sunday next, therefore there will be no services at the local Roman Catholic Church on that day.

The Rev. A. Mason has taken the Boy Scouts in hand, and they have had several outings of late.

Probate duty amounting to £12,486 has been paid in the estate of Joseph Cown Syme, late of St. Kilda, and nephew of the late David Syme. The estate is valued at £126,860.

The dance held here last Friday night in aid of the Anglican Church funds was largely attended, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by those present. Favored with ideal weather, a fast food and good music, the dancers had a merry time.

On Monday night's train Mr. Nichols consigned two bogies of cattle to Fielding Ltd, Midland Junction, and Mr. A. McRae a bogie of cattle and a small truck of sheep to the same place to Dalgety and Co. On Wednesday a special stock train took away 11 bogies of sheep, consigned by Messrs Straker and Church to Messrs McIntosh, Morley and Fry, of Fremantle, and a bogie of sheep from Messrs Sagers and Co. to Day Dawn.

The German Emperor is described thus by a recent observer:—"At present his moustache is long, with upturned points, and so white that for several days I thought Wilhelm II. had shaved. His hair was quite white, and cropped close. I saw him bareheaded one day when there was a ceremony in church. He was wearing a white mantle, in which he appeared bowed and bent. His wrinkles extended from his cheeks to his eyes, and he has lost his eyebrows."

Mr. Barton invites the public of Meekatharra to walk through and view his splendid winter millinery, and at 8 o'clock to-night he will offer 600 yards of white twill flannel at 6s 11d per dozen yards; the usual price being 13s 3d per yard. During next week he is having three great show days, starting on Thursday. Friday will be children's day, and each child who accompanies its parents to the Cash Supply Stores will be presented with a toy.

Killed in France last month, Colonel Percy Black, D.C.M., D.S.O., etc. Deceased, who was well known in the Black Range and Yilgarn districts as a prospector, joined the forces as a private and was promoted to the rank of Colonel in quick stages. He was in the thick of the fighting since the beginning of the war, and it is said that he accounted for no less than 500 Turks at Gallipoli. On the Western front he was decorated with the Military Cross of France. His was a brilliant record, as he had won more distinctions and promotions than any man who had left Australia to fight for his country.

The result of the Federal Elections show a splendid majority for the Nationalists, and it is only what one might have expected at the present time. Mr. Gregory will be returned with a big majority for the Damper Division, and the other National candidates for the Senate are far ahead of Labor's nominees. The fact that they have been unable to secure a single seat in the Senate should convince them that the country is determined to have a strong Nationalist Party to steer them through the strenuous times ahead. Here the elections were conducted in a very orderly way, and the vote recorded in favor of the National candidate was well beyond the expectations of his keenest supporters, although his return was never in doubt from the day of his nomination. Now that the will of the country has been so plainly shown it is hoped those who were on the losing side will accept their defeat in good spirit and let party differences sink, working as one united body till the war is successfully terminated. (D. J. Colgan, "Miner" Office.)

Dr. Carr, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, died on Sunday evening.

The local branch of the Red Cross Society advertise a dance to be held in the Royal Hall on the 24th inst, refreshments being provided by the members.

The Road Board is calling tenders for clearing a number of roads up north, particulars of which are advertised in this issue. They also invite tenders for 70 gallons of disinfectant. Tenders close on June 6th.

Mr. J. S. D'Alton has received word from his brother-in-law, who was at the landing in Gallipoli, to say that he is just recovering from the effects of his third wounding, and has been ordered to undertake light duties. He says:—"The war is real and men are wanted badly."

When a member desires a book that is not in the library, he files his application for the volume, which the Librarian reserves for him on its return, notifying him that the book awaits his pleasure. Now it happened that one of the members applied for, but could not get at the time, a copy of a novel entitled "The Girl He Left Behind Him." In course of time a post card arrived from the library, and as the member's wife is of a suspicious nature that postcard caused trouble, for it read:—"Mr. T— is informed that 'The Girl He Left Behind Him' is now in the library, and will be kept for him till next Tuesday morning."

Negotiations have been completed between a Toronto lumber firm and a large New York corporation for one of the largest timber limit transactions in the history of Canada. The limits are said to be in the province of Ontario. The company will erect several lumber mills and pulp factories, which it is stated will be the largest in the Dominion. Twenty-five years ago Canada's paper exports consisted of about £18 worth of newsprint. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 1916 Canada exported paper worth £4,166,000. At the present time the Dominion is producing 2,000 tons of newsprint per day, of which a little over one-half is exported and the remainder consumed at home. There are now under development new mills and extensions and enlargements to existing plants which will increase the daily production by another 1,000 tons. It is reported that one of the great New York journals has purchased 80,000 acres of timber land in the province of Quebec in order to be able to produce the paper required for its circulation.

"We came out of the trenches one bitterly cold night," says a soldier, "and were billeted in a barn, where we were packed like sardines in a tin. Though numb with cold, we were soon asleep. I was awakened in the night by one of our chaps trying to put his boots on. After he had been trying for a minute or two, I heard the fellow next him say:—"What the dickens are you doing?" "Putting my boots on," was the reply. "Well, that's my foot, you idiot!"

"Really," said the stylish lady, enthusiastically to her friend, whose riches had come quickly and outdistanced her knowledge of the common objects of the London parks—"really it is quite worth while going to the Zoo, if only to see the wonderful display of rhinoceroses." "Is it?" replied her friend, languidly, toying with her ringed fingers. "I like to look at the big clumsy beasts, too, but it always smells so round them animal houses."

A lad was once sitting on a gate munching away at his midday meal, when the person passed by. It was of course, expected that the boy would get down; but no, he kept his seat, and continued his eating. "You appear to be better fed than taught, my boy," remarked the person. "Well," replied the boy, you teaches me, and I feeds myself."

Sergt. Rowles, recruiting officer for this district, received a letter from his mate, Stan. Kenny, who enlisted from Meekatharra and has been in the thick of the fighting ever since, in which he says:—"I notice that very few reinforcements are arriving from Australia. Have the people forgotten there is a war on, or do they think it is about finished? If so they are greatly mistaken. Send us as many men as possible. The war is a long way from won yet." Since writing Private Kenny has been wounded.

We are requested by the State Commissioner of Taxation to remind taxpayers that the next State Income Tax returns, which will be due on the 1st September 1917, must be made up to the same date as the Federal Returns, namely the 30th June, 1917, but they will show the income for six months only. The balancing date, 30th June, 1917, must be adhered to unless some other date is, by arrangement, accepted by the State Commissioner of Taxation in lieu of the said 30th June. Taxpayers are advised to take stock and balance their accounts as on the 30th June, 1917, or the date accepted in lieu thereof.

Furniture.—The long felt want is still supplied. H. F. Goss of the Furniture Emporium, can supply you, on the shortest notice, with Tables, Chairs, Single and Double Bedsteads, Stretches, Bedding, Dressing Chests, Chests of Drawers, Sideboards, Children's Chairs and Cots, Crockery and Glassware, Prams, Go-carts, Lino, Stoves and Tanks. Call and inspect these lines. Obligation to buy never comes with a visit to Goss' Furniture Emporium, which is situated next to the Royal Mail Hotel. (Adv.)

Tailoring.—Meekatharra has now its own tailor. You can procure a tailor-made suit as well as one ready-made to suit your pocket. Mr. L. Etalides begs to announce to the Meekatharra public that in his establishment of tailoring all suits are hand-made and the ready-made ones are made to fit free of charge. Suitings of Fox's and other English and French serges, as doeskin, velours, also gent's mercery, stocked in great variety. Every customer can call for a try on in a few hours after giving his order, so this is sufficient guarantee for perfect fit. Ladies' costumes a speciality. (Adv.)

Mining Notes.

Baily and Parkinson, of Cullin, put through a parcel of 16 tons of stone at the Tuckanarra battery this week for a yield of 240 ozs., an average of 15 ozs. per ton.

Mr. Frank L. Bell, chief engineer on the Fenian G.M., has been appointed manager of the Commodore G.M. and it is also the intention of the company to appoint a local consulting engineer, a position which will most likely be offered to Mr. C. Hawkins.

The manager of the Commodore reports as follows for the half-month ended April 30:—Macquarie lease, 200ft. level, south drive: East wall advanced 24ft.; value, 33s.; width, 4ft. The eastern crosscut 250ft. south advanced 11ft.; first 3ft., value 32s.; average for balance, 7s. Level No. 1: No. 5 winze sunk 17ft.; average value, 35s.; width 3ft.

For the half-year ended March 31 the Payne's Find Development Company showed income from bullion and royalty amounting to £148, against which administrative expenses (including interest £175) amounted to £344, and depreciation absorbed. At the end of the term sundry creditors were owed £6,350, against which machinery plant, etc., figured at £1,970, and cash £143. The directors state that the tributors had fair results during the half year and that royalties received by the company more than covered the expenses of the mine. The tribute has been extended to December 31, during which period the main shaft is to be sunk 100ft., and prospecting work done to endeavour to locate the lost rich reef which was cut off by the intrusion of a porphyry bar. From the new shaft on the southern boundary of the lease the tributors have located a reef which is expected to be rich, and promises to be a valuable development. The first 25ft. of sinking produced ore worth 16 dwt., and from there to 50ft. there was a considerable improvement. The tributors have raised 250 tons of ore, said to be worth from 35 dwt. to 2 ozs. per ton.

BLACK RANGE PINNACLES.

Since the closing down, at the beginning of February last, of the crushing plant, the main shaft has been sunk to a depth of 225ft. The cutting of the plat at 220ft., preparatory to opening up the No. 2 level, was commenced last week, and in the course of this work, a good supply of water was met with, the water making from the hanging wall. No 1 winze is down 175ft. This winze is distant about 120ft. north of the main shaft, and the official progress report issued on the 24th ult., gave the values as 12dwts. (48s) per ton over a width of 4ft. At a point 150ft. north of the No 1 winze a shaft is sunk to 184ft. on the lode, where the values are officially reported as good.

At the bottom of the main shaft, in the No 1 winze and in the water shaft, the lode is going down strongly underfoot, and when the mill was stopped it was stated this was being done on account of the shortage of water. It has been officially stated that the plant was capable of treating between 2000 and 2500 tons of ore monthly, but the water available only allowed of 1200 tons per month being milled. The directors, after the last visit to the mine (in January) pointed out to the shareholders that the larger tonnage could be treated at a slightly higher top cost than the quantity then being milled. It was then decided to sink the main shaft another 100ft. with the view of getting water and to open up the No 2 level and mix the sulphide ore with the oxidised. In the upper levels there are at least several months' supply in the footwall lode to draw upon besides the hanging-wall lode. The two lodes are separated by a dolomite bar, which varies in width and probably averages 2ft. From September, 1916, to January 31, 1917, the company treated during these five months approximately 7000 tons of ore for an average yield of 10 dwts. (or £2) per ton. This ore came from the footwall lode in the stopes at the No 1 level, and difficulty was experienced in keeping the ore free from mullock in the breaking of it, which, it is claimed, was the cause of the returns not coming up to the assay values of 15 dwts. The No 2 level is opening up well, and it is claimed by the management that the sulphide ore is amenable to ordinary battery and cyanide treatment, being in no way refractory. The superintendent (Mr Couper) returns this month after having been on a visit to Melbourne and elsewhere.

A couple of crushings from Warriedar:—Golden Bar tributors, 147 tons for 24 ozs. 13dwts. Golden Bar extended, 7434 tons for 49 ozs 5 dwts.

At the Ingliston Consols Extended mine (Mr. A. L. Roberts manager) during the month of April work at the various levels was carried on as usual, resulting in the turning out of 2553 tons for a return of bullion valued at £4327 15 6d. The working expenses amounted to £2450 15s 3d and £386 15s 9d for development leaving a net profit of £1489 10 6s for the month.

Since the changing hands of the Ingliston Extended the mine has been worked by tributors who have handed the new owner (Mr. de Bernales) a full sum in royalty. Now, we understand, it is the intention of Mr. de Bernales to apply for a length term of exemption from compliance with the labor condition and if this is granted it will mean the temporary closing down of another of our gold producers. Sincere opposition should be given to this application by the workers and business people of Meekatharra, and at the same time attention might be drawn to other propositions on Paddy Flat that should be worked. It is not as if these leases were held by struggling prospectors; the owners, on the other hand, are suspected of being in affluent circumstances. If tributors can be found to work these leases then they should lose no time in making the fact known at the Warden's Court when the Ingliston Extended case comes on for hearing.

RACING.

HELENA VALE.

PERTH, Thursday.

Following are the acceptances for the undermentioned events to be run on Saturday:—

MIDLAND HURDLE RACE.	
Two miles.	
Tetaki	st. 11.8
Warramie	11.6
West Park	10.8
Darrawa	9.11
Portlock	9.6
Foramen	9.0

FIRST CLASS PLATE.	
Six furlongs.	
Adella	9.0
Houseboy	8.8
Bay Rum	8.7
Finitus	8.4
Volumen	7.9
Lockhart	7.3
Roseal	7.1
Tititor	6.7

SECOND CLASS PLATE.	
Seven furlongs.	
Crown Thistle	9.0
Featherbraid	8.13
Ardal	8.12
Uncle Lew	8.10
Killegie	8.10
N.G.E.	8.6
Drury Lane	8.3
Loch Elvie	7.12
Bernales	7.11
Bright Face	7.9
Rivose	7.8
Persian Ruler	7.6
Lack	7.6
Yandankooka	7.2
Queen Maule	7.0
Suila Bay	7.0
Some Class	6.11
Alto Bob	6.11

JUNCTION HANDICAP.	
One mile and three furlongs.	
Golden Rock	8.4
Lockhart	7.1
Ayrton	7.0
Redstring	6.7
Strahnaver	6.7
Cap and Bells	6.7

THIRD CLASS PLATE.	
Six furlongs.	
Loch Key	9.3
Pantile	9.3
Sylvanum	8.11
Dua	8.9
Peronne	8.9
First Flower	8.3
School of Arms	8.3
Sheerwater	8.2
Highland Dhu	8.2
Color Point	8.2
Red Banner	7.13
Hammer	7.13
Lycosa	7.8
Snaphaunce	6.9

FAREWELL WELTER.	
One mile.	
Volumen	9.4
Cross Balm	9.2
Ayrton	9.2
Lero	8.13
Shamus	8.1
Cap and Bells	8.1
Lady Alawa	7.7
Drury Lane	7.7
Lady Aggie	7.3

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. For Coughs and Colds, never fails, is 6d. First-class Block Cake, plain or fruit, always stocked at Leslie's Bakery.

Little Johnny, who is of an inquiring turn, was having a quite talk with his mother. Johnny wanted to know why Mr. Juggins married Mrs. Juggins. His mother wasn't able to tell him very clearly. Johnny thought a while, and then asked:—"Mother, why did you marry my Dad?" "Johnny, I married your father because he saved me from drowning," replied his mother. "I'll bet that's why Dad's always tellin' me not to go in for swimmin'," said Johnny.

A Soldier's Letter.

THE LATE HARRY MCNERNEY.

By last mail we received the following interesting letter, which is dated March 12th, from Private Harry McNeerney, whose death has since been reported by cable from France. The names mentioned in the letter are those of men who have resided on the Murchison, and the death of one of them (Private Herring) has also occurred since the letter was written:—

"I saw Jim McLaughlan and Claude Simpson in 'Blighy.' Have lost the run of Jim since, but Claude first of all took a fancy to a very nice little Scotch lassie and eventually married her and has since joined the Australian Flying Corps, as also did 'Chummy' Lentholt. By the way, he carries a 'wart' too. Met Edgar Turley in this little village as I was passing through to the line about three months ago. Ran into Rodger Heffernan in the front line one day. He is now in the 13th Engineers. Also saw Oscar Walters and Billy Noble on a couple of occasions. They are likewise in the Engineers. Sergeant Gilbert McKinley is still going strong in the 11th. Only had a few days off since the beginning, with a slight bullet wound through the hand. Willie Graham and Archie Long, late of Day Dawn, both carry a couple of 'warts,' and are in the same battalion. Billy Sexton is a Sergeant, also in the 11th. In the same battalion I came across Sergeant Jack Orr and 'Yorkie' Dryden. Privates 'Pud' Thompson, Ted Drape and a number of others. Bobby Bray, I believe, had his leg amputated in Blighy recently. Herbert Clues is a Corporal in the 16th. Geggie, young Jack Butler, Jimmy Osborne, Jim Buckingham, Woods (of Sandstone), also carrying similar colors. Young Roy Rees called to see me a couple of weeks ago from the 21st battalion. Jim Bohan is in the 1st Division Signallers, and Freddy Benard is in the Pioneers. I visited the 28th Battalion last week and met Bruce Fleming, Jack Trezise, Cecil Simms, all of whom are in the best of spirits. Sergeant Frank Schryver, of the A.M.C., has a 'cushy' job in charge of the division's baths not far behind the front line. Dug Cairns is in the A.M.C. of the 13th Brigade Vickers Gunners. I see him occasionally. I am in charge of No 1, and a reserve team of Lewis Gunners, in A Company, 51st Battalion, and like the work splendidly. They are great little guns and capable of firing 600 shots per minute. They play great havoc with Fritz in counter attacks and when coming over on surprise visits. They only weigh slightly over 30lbs fully loaded and consequently are very easily placed in any required position. Of course it is a dangerous game, but that's where the excitement comes in. In fact any part of soldiering is dangerous as they seem to get knocked in the most unexpected places at times. Young 'Dubbe' Fletcher—he used to knock about Day Dawn in bare feet a few years ago—is in my section, and a splendid game kid. He celebrated his 17th birthday in the front line. Wally Dunn is orderly room Sergt. in our Battalion. Fred Sexton, a Platoon Sergeant in C Company, usually carries all before him in our battalion sports. Jack Herring, Young Weekes, Old Ernie Lee, Thorpe of the Railway (a corporal) also carry the Blue and Brown. Ted Weekes is still in a hospital in Blighy. A chap from the 11th has just called in to tell me that poor 'Pud' Thompson was killed last week. Poor chap, he had half his head blown off and his pal was killed instantly. They were put into a shell hole and left there all night and on them going to bury him next morning they found him still alive, but the poor lad died shortly afterwards. I believe he was a very game kid and am very sorry to hear of his death. But many fine men have gone before and still a good number to follow. The cold weather appears to have just about broken up and a very hot time is in store for all hands. The offensive has started off well in our favor. Fritz is offering very little resistance up to date, but he must make a stand sooner or later, and then there'll be something doing. The mud is a big handicap for progress, but it will be more easily traversed in a month or so. The Australians are fine soldiers and in a charge I don't think there is anything in uniform to touch them."

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