

Fatal Trolley Accident.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

WELLINGTON, April 6.
Mr. Donald Urquhart, railway inspector of New Zealand, has been killed through a collision between a trolley on which he was travelling and an engine.

AT the quarterly registration and revision court yesterday, Mr. F. Vaughan, P.M., presiding, the January list of applicants to be put on the roll was revised and approved. There were thirteen new applications, three of which were rejected as informal. The remainder were received for registration and revision in the usual way.

THE Rev. J. A. Priestley will leave Roma this morning by train on a visit to Surat, and therefore there will be no meeting to-night of teachers of the Church of England Sunday school as previously arranged. Mr. Priestley will conduct divine service at Surat on Sunday next (Palm Sunday), morning and evening. Bishop Stretch will conduct the services at St. Paul's church, Roma, on Sunday.

"A BOON to stout people" is the head line of an advertisement in another column. The boon is a medicine patented by Dr. Steinmeyer, and is much in favor in the southern colonies and in Europe. The patentee claims that his medicine will reduce very stout people to something like normal proportions, while at the same time mental and bodily vigor will remain unimpaired.

AN announcement appears in another column of special interest to farmers, gardeners, and others. It has reference to sulphate of ammonia now being supplied by the Brisbane Gas Company, and which is recognised as one of the very best fertilisers obtainable for every description of crop. It helps in the production of every product when applied with ordinary care, particulars of which will be found in our business columns.

A SALE of Crown Lands was held yesterday forenoon by Mr. Palmer, Land Agent, Roma. The lands offered were nine town lots at Muckadilla, nine lots at Wallumbilla, and 30 lots in the new township of Dunkeld, down the Maranoa river from Mitchell. Very few buyers were present, and only one lot at

down the Maranoa river from Mitchell. Very few buyers were present, and only one lot at Muckadilla was bid for. This was lot 40, comprising 2 roods 10 perches, and was sold for £5 11s., the buyer being W. H. Streten. The other lots will remain open for selection at the upset price for one month. It is understood there will be several buyers before the end of the month.

THE March rents have come in exceedingly well this year. Considering the extremely unfavorable seasons that have prevailed during the past three years, the fact of selectors having so well come forward is exceedingly creditable. The amount paid into the local Land Office amounts to £3443 5s. 2d., of which £270 2s. 3d. is for survey fees. Under the different headings the payments are—Agricultural farms, £1581 10s. 3d.; grazing farms, £312 11s. 2d.; unconditional selections, £1269 1s. 6d. We understand the amount due from defaulters amounts to only about £152, nearly the same amount as last year, and nearly all this will probably be paid during the current month.

THE following paragraph, taken from last Monday's *D. D. Gazette*, will no doubt be of interest to many of our readers:—"On Wednesday evening the members of the Wesleyan Methodist congregation in this district will meet in the schoolroom for the purpose of entertaining their minister, the Rev. W. Jeffries, at a farewell social. In a quiet, unobtrusive way Mr. Jeffries has done a lot of good in Toowoomba during the past four years of his stay amongst us, more especially among the young folk, with whom he is deservedly popular, and over whom he has exercised a beneficial influence. His removal will be a distinct loss to the spiritual life of the town." It will be remembered that the Rev. W. Jeffries conducted the opening services in the present Wesleyan Church in Roma on the 7th of October last year.

THE death is announced of Mr. Raphael B. Lewin, a well known resident of Brisbane. "Mr. Lewin (says the *Courier*), who was 68 years of age, has been for very many years a well-known figure in the city, but of late years bad health has prevented his taking any very active part in business. He leaves a widow and three children—two girls and a boy". Mr. Lewin entered into business in Roma when this town was a little village on the fringe of Bungil creek.

little village on the fringe of Bungil creek, early in the sixties, his nephew, Mr. Adolph M. Hertzberg, shortly afterwards taking the management. This business, known as R. Lewin and Co., was continued till 1887, when it was transferred to Mr. Lowenthal. R. Lewin and Co. were intimately associated with the early progress of Roma, Mr. Hertzberg taking a prominent part in all public movements and institutions. For the last twenty years Mr. Lewin has been a resident of Brisbane.

THAT marvellous invention of the famous American electrician, Mr. T. Alva Edison, the "Cinematographe," was first exhibited to a Roma audience on Monday night at the Oddfellows' Hall. There was a good house, the hall being well filled. The series of photographs which pass before the eye at the rate of 900 feet per minute were most interesting. This quick movement of the photographs, thrown on a sheet by a powerful lantern, gives life-like motion to the figures in the pictures, so that a street scene may be placed before the audience, and horses, trams, cabs, pedestrians, and other accessories to life in the thoroughfare may be seen as distinctly as if a person were sitting at a window overlooking the scene. The boat scene is a capital representation of the waves on a sea shore. They are there in motion as natural as possible, and the pushing off of the boat is one might say a reality, the men going into the water up to the knees and coming out again. Another scene depicted is the skirt dance by Madame Rosa. Here the figure comes on the canvas as if coming on a stage, and the dance begins. The drapery moves gracefully with the figure, sometimes displaying portions of the human form divine in its greatest beauty and in a twinkling concealing the form as the evolutions of the performance proceed. The railway train scene is another wonderful illustration of the marvels of photography. A train is seen approaching from a distance, and in a very short time it comes up to the station in front, the engine puffing and blowing, where it stops, and the passengers alight on the platform as natural as life. There are many other good scenes, that of the conflagration and the firemen rescuing persons from the burning house being truly exciting. Everybody should make a point of seeing the cinematographe. It is well worth the

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THE accounts connected with the *Star* printing establishment have been furnished. Persons indebted are requested to give their earliest and best attention to this appeal. Most of the accounts are for small amounts, but these mount up to what a printer considers a considerable sum, which would be exceedingly useful if paid.

IN this issue appears the prize schedule of the pastoral and agricultural show to be held on the 12th of next month. Several prizes have been added to the schedule since it first appeared, and it may now be regarded as complete. The printed schedules may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. H. K. Alford. So far as we can see the committee have provided a most attractive schedule, and the secretary's efforts in obtaining special prizes are deserving of recognition, and there is no sort of doubt if the weather were propitious the show would be a great success in every way. Even as it is the horse sections ought to prove attractive.

THE horses locally in training for the annual races (says the *St. George Standard*) are Lady Rupert, Iolanthe, Eventide, Prairie King, Holiday, Bay Lilley, Lady Garfield and Shamrock. Excelsior will be in to-day.

A GRUESOME discovery has been made 12 miles out on the Meazies road, near Coolgardie. The body of a man was found suspended from a tree by a strap round his neck. The body had evidently been hanging for some time, the skin was quite dry, and there was no clue to the identification of the deceased. It is supposed that the case is one of suicide.

MR. Anthony Conwell, managing partner in the firm of Tozer and Conwell, solicitors, Gympie, while riding home last Sunday night about 10 o'clock, was thrown heavily from his horse, and was so severely injured that he died three hours afterwards, never having regained consciousness. The lamentable accident cast quite a gloom over the community, and the funeral was followed by a large number of all classes of people. Mr. Tozer, the Acting Premier, went to Gympie by special train to attend the funeral of his business partner.

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THE Rev. A. Horan and Mr. A. J. Stephenson, M.L.A., waited on Mr. P. O'Sullivan, at his residence, Woodend, on Thursday morning last (says Saturday's *Queensland Times*) and presented him with a cheque for £219 9s., the amount received to date of the testimonial set on foot some time ago by Mr. O'Sullivan's friends as a tribute to his forty years' service in the colony, most of which was rendered as a member of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. O'Sullivan expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the presentation, and tendered his warmest thanks to all the kind friends who in these bad times had so generously contributed towards it.

ACCORDING to the New York correspondent of the *London Daily Telegraph*, "Mr. Edison claims to have discovered a chemical much more susceptible to the Röntgen rays than is the case with any previously used. He hopes to find others still more sensitive, and believes that it will be possible to construct an instrument that will show, by means of the "X" rays, the internal organs and tissues of the body, as well as the bones, thus enormously increasing the powers of diagnosis possessed by surgeons in cases both of wounds and of the processes of disease. He declines to furnish the name of this substance, and is experimenting with new chemical combinations at the rate of 30 per day. The ever-optimistic wizard holds that when pathogenic germs are understood and destroyed, and internal diagnosis is rendered easy, human life will only be limited by old age, accident, or dissipation."

THE laugh of Mr. Peacock has become a feature of the Federal Convention (states the *Melbourne Argus*). All Adelaide is anxious to hear it, the local papers having aroused curiosity in his remarkable cachinnations. Ladies attend the sitting, but instead of listening to what are to them, no doubt, the dry debates, they closely watch the youthful Chief Secretary of Victoria in eager expectation of one of his sudden outbursts of laughter, and when it comes they are delighted. Next day they bring their friends to hear it. Mr. Reid, however, has found that Mr. Peacock's speciality is not only amusing, but useful. After the lunch hour the other day Mr. Reid, striking the centre of his spacious waistcoat, implored Mr. Peacock to laugh, adding, "It is good for the digestion." The Chief Secretary, however, did not oblige him then, but later on, when the Premier of New South Wales interrupted Mr. Symon's speech by a loud snore, Mr. Peacock exploded, and Mr. Reid's peaceful slumbers were rudely disturbed.

IN the Supreme Court, Brisbane, on March 31, an application in insolvency was made for a certificate of discharge in the matter of Richard B. Echlin (says the *Telegraph* of April 1). Mr. Connolly (instructed

by Messrs. Thyne and Macartney), appeared to support the application, and Mr. Blair (instructed by Mr. Buntun) appeared to object on behalf of the petitioning creditors and on behalf of the official trustee. The report of the official trustee, which was tendered, showed that R. B. Echlin was adjudicated insolvent on the petition of creditors on August 15, 1894. The liabilities in his estate amounted to £604 10s., and the assets were nil. Nothing has been realised, and the debts proved amounted to £327 7s. On March 15, 1895, the insolvent was examined by the official trustee, and his evidence was of an unsatisfactory nature, and the attention of the court was called to it. The causes of failure were stated by the insolvent to be due to an adverse judgment of the Supreme Court, and subsequent pressure by the judgment creditor. After some argument, Mr. Connolly asked leave to withdraw the application, but subsequently withdrew his request. His Honor refused the application for discharge.

IT is quite disappointing to think how the seasons have frustrated for years any attempt to hold an annual show in connection with the Pastoral and Agricultural Association. The matter was taken up with some enthusiasm this year, and substantial support promised, but the prolonged drought has stamped out any ardour there might have been and the chances of support altogether. As a matter of fact the state of the stock routes leading to St. George debar any show stock from travelling, except at a great risk, unless feed is carried, and that is a "game not worth the candle." Had the season been propitious a good many exhibits were promised from New South Wales and the Goondiwindi side, and their advent would have lent considerable interest to the meeting. The unavoidable postponement is the more to be regretted because the committee have incurred a heavy expenditure in erecting yards and otherwise improving the ground for the accommodation of stock and the display of exhibits, and all for nothing, as far as this season is concerned. Next year may, however, bring a drooping season and the opportunity that comes to those who wait, when our show committee shall succeed at last in filling their pens and their programme.—*St. George Standard*.

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