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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Days of the Week.	Day of Month.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	
SUNDAY	Mar. 29	6 12	5 58	Full Moon, Feb. 24.
MONDAY	,, 30	6 13	5 56	New Moon, Mar. 10.
TUESDAY	,, 31	6 14	5 55	Full Moon, Mar. 25.
WEDNESDAY	Apr. 1	6 15	5 53	New Moon, Apr. 9.
THURSDAY	,, 2	6 15	5 51	
FRIDAY	,, 3	6 16	5 50	
SATURDAY	,, 4	6 17	5 48	

The Bowral Free Press.

Do as adversaries do in law,
Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.

Wednesday, Mar. 25, 1891.

THE FLOWER BASKET.

No want is more keenly felt in Bowral than that of a clock, from which the townspeople can obtain the "official time." Under existing arrangements every man has his own time, and as a rule "swears by it." Nearly every person you meet possesses a watch "that is the best timekeeper in the town," and only which could not possibly go wrong. On comparison you discover that your chronometer, which you had been led to look upon as infallible, is either considerably in advance or considerably behind your friends. You regulate your watch this morning at the railway station by the clock in the room attached to the ticket office, and you walk straight into the parcels' office and find that by the clock hanging there you are three or four minutes "slow" or three or four minutes "fast" as the case may be. You then walk up to the post office and find there is a still further discrepancy in the time, and that neither of the clocks at the station are correct according to the telegraph time. Now, what are we to go by? Is it impossible to induce the Postmaster General to give us a "town clock." A balcony is about to be erected at the post office, and with very little additional expense a clock turret could be constructed and it is not at all improbable that with a little well directed agitation from the right quarter we should procure the inestimable boon of a "town clock." Even if we did not succeed in getting a clock at the post office, the Railway Commissioners might be induced to place a large "time recorder" on the railway platform and the time indicated thereon could be accepted by the townspeople as "official."

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It is a matter for regret that nearly all the most useful and instructive societies or associations in Bowral are now either defunct or nearly so. Why is it? Are the officers apathetic? Or is it want of support on the part of the public. The discontinuance of the operations of two or three of the societies alluded to is particularly regretable. For instance all must deplore the fact that our Horticultural Society has so far shown no signs of life this year. One can hardly imagine that a society of this description *could* cease to exist in Bowral, above all places in the colony. But such, we regret to say, is the case. The horticultural society, which is instructive and educational in its tendencies, should certainly be one of the most flourishing organisations in the district, and we venture to hope that this passing reference will cause the officers to bestir themselves and induce them to shake off that apathy which has been so detrimental to the progress and welfare of the excellent society alluded to.

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Then there are the debating and philharmonic societies, both of which appear to have ceased to exist, or which, if they are not quite dead, will take a good deal of resuscitation to bring them to life again. The existence of such societies is essential to the moral and intellectual welfare of the residents, and any effort to restore them to a state of activity should receive the hearty support of those who are solicitous for the welfare of the town generally. Many pleasant evenings have been spent through the instrumentality of the Philharmonic Society, and many instructive debates on interesting subjects have taken place in the Debating Society, and in every instance the members and the public have been supplied with food for thought. We hope then that the officers will not be discouraged by past laxity on the part of the members, but will again make an effort to bring into existence the two useful societies whose decay all should deplore.

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For some time past considerable inconvenience has been caused not only to litigants but to the public generally, by the irregular time kept by the magistrates at the Moss Vale and Bowral courts. Although summonses are usually issued for 10 o'clock it is very often eleven and after before a magistrate puts in an appearance. Only last week two very glaring instances of this irregularity occurred. At the licensing court at Moss Vale on Wednesday the business was not commenced, owing to the late arrival of the magistrates, until half past eleven. As the parties in the case had gone from Bowral, and were summoned to attend at ten o'clock, the delay of an hour and a half was unpardonable and should not be caused by any public official. At the Small Debts court at Bowral on Friday, the same thing occurred, and the proceedings were not commenced until after twelve o'clock owing to the non-appearance of the police magistrate. Even then the police had to run all over the town to procure two justices of the peace to administer the business of the court. Several business men who had to attend the court were thus kept waiting for about two hours, and they very rightly expressed their indignation at such treatment, and it is not improbable, should this practice go on, that steps will be taken to bring it under the notice of the Minister for Justice.

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Some of the visitors who attended the Moss Vale "feast" on Saturday evening last relate a good story in connection with Lord Jersey and a well-known tradesman in Moss Vale. His Excellency with his usual affability was accepting in the most cordial manner the welcomes and greetings that were on all sides extended to him. Amongst others who reached out the hand of welcome to the Governor was the tradesman above referred to, who, by the way, was also one of the bandsmen. Lord Jersey took the proffered hand, and the man of business poured forth a flood of compliments and concluded by saying—"I hope your Excellency will give me an order to make you a suit of clothes, while you're here." Seeing the "fix" his Excellency had got into someone who was standing near came to his assistance and hurried him off, and, unfortunately for the enterprising tradesman, the valued "order" was not given. It is needless to add that the man was a tailor, but it's about the best bit of "business canvassing" that has been known since *Adams'* time.

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This little incident should convince her Majesty's representative that it is about time to "draw the line" in regard to some of the little "two-penny halfpenny gatherings" he has been attending since his arrival in the colony. We are sure everyone admires Lord Jersey's affability, but few would be disposed to know that he was gaining popularity—the airiest of all airy bubbles—at the expense of the dignity attaching to his high and important office. In the fulfilment of official duties a man has often to oppose the dictates of his own heart, and we have no doubt but that it is the fulness and goodness of Lord Jersey's heart that has led him to accept so many invitations to gatherings of an unimportant nature—not that that of Saturday was by any means of an unimportant nature—and much as he might like continuing to do so, still duty should compel him to maintain in the very highest degree the dignity and importance of his high and distinguished office.

Government Supplies.

We are informed that Messrs. Moore and Co., storekeepers of Moss Vale, have been successful in obtaining the contract for supplying all government institutions in the police district of Berrima, with groceries, provisions, &c., during the next twelve months. We understand there were several tenderers including three or four metropolitan firms.

OPENING OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT MOSS VALE.

The recently erected Council Chambers at Moss Vale were formerly opened on Saturday evening last, the event being celebrated with a banquet, the admission to which was by invitation only.

The building is of brick with cement facings, and consists of ground floor and one storey. It contains the council chamber, room for the council clerk and for public library, the Mayor's room, and comfortable quarters for a caretaker. It fronts Throsby street and has been well and faithfully built. Its situation, however, has given rise to no inconsiderable amount of dissatisfaction amongst the ratepayers, many of whom contend that the site is not suitable.

The contractor was Mr. Thomas Jones, of Moss Vale, and the work was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Harris C. Hind, architect, of Granville.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, the Mayor (Alderman N. H. Throsby) presided, and the vice-chairs were filled by Aldermen H. Coleman and A. B. Young. There were about 50 or 60 guests present, including His Excellency Lord Jersey, Mr. Goschen (his Excellency's private secretary); Mr. W. McCourt, M.L.A., Mr. J. G. Morris, Mayor of Bowral; Mr. T. Viles, Mayor of Mittagong; Mr. F. R. Wilshire, Police Magistrate; Mr. C. A. M. Billyard-Leake, Mr. J. L. Campbell, Mr. Dobbin, Mr. T. Seery, J.P., Mr. J. T. Hayter, Aldermen H. Taylor, D. McGregor, H. Wiles, E. Goodridge, J. Cullen, and H. Richardson, and many of the leading residents of the district.

The chairman proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Governor, making special and eulogistic reference to His Excellency Lord Jersey.

Lord Jersey in replying bespoke a great future for Moss Vale owing to its unrivalled climate and the attractions it offered to visitors and travellers.

Mr. W. McCourt, in reply to the toast of the "Parliament" which was proposed by Alderman Young, said he was opposed to small municipalities, and expressed the opinion that the whole of the Berrima District ought to be amalgamated into one municipality. He contended that if such a course where adopted the services of competent officers could be retained for the management of municipal affairs. Whereas under the existing arrangements a sixth or seventh part of the money received from the ratepayers in the small municipalities had to be paid to officers. When the local government bill was brought forward he would propose that large municipal districts be formed and power given to the aldermen thereof to borrow money for the construction of tramlines, irrigation, and for other similar purposes.

Alderman Cullen in proposing the toast of municipal institutions, referred to the good work performed by the corporate bodies of the colony.

Mayor Morris and Mayor Viles responded, and in the course of their remarks referred to the water supply question, pointing out the need of a permanent supply of water for each town.

The toasts of the "Architect," the "Ladies," the "Press," and the "Chairman" were all duly honoured and suitably acknowledged.

The Chairman in responding to the toast of his health expressed himself as strongly in favour of a permanent water supply for Moss Vale, and referred to the excellent quality of the water in the Bong Bong river, whence the supply could be obtained.

The proceedings, which were very enthusiastic, were brought to a conclusion with cheers for the Queen, and for Lord and Lady Jersey and family.

LAND SALE AT MOSS VALE.

On Saturday afternoon last a subdivision of 600 acres of the Austermere Estate, well-known as the property of the Hon. John Lackey, M.L.C., was submitted to public auction by Messrs. Wilson and Co. (late Mills, Pile, and Wilson). The land was subdivided into blocks from half-an-acre to seven acres each, and formed really an extension of the township of Moss Vale, running northerly to the Bong Bong platform. For the convenience of intending purchasers a special train was chartered from Sydney, and a very large number of persons availed themselves of the chance of visiting the district. The train picked up passengers at Mittagong and Bowral, and on arrival at Bong Bong there were quite 200 persons on board. The attendance at the sale numbered fully 300 and the scene presented a very animated appearance. A substantial luncheon was provided and was thoroughly appreciated by the visitors. Mr. J. Y. Mills wielded the hammer, and prior to asking for bids briefly alluded to the salubrious nature of the climate and the future prospects of the district. He impressed upon those present the fact that if they bought that day it would be the climate they would buy, as it was worth all the money they would pay for the land. The following lots were then disposed of:—Section A: Lot 9, half an acre, £28. Section B: Lots 4 and 5, half an acre each, £25 per lot; lot 29, 8 roods 29 perches, £30. Section C: Lots 20 and 21, 5 acres each, £85 per acre. Section D: Lot 1, half an acre, £25; lots 8 and 9, 4 acres 8 roods 32½ perches each, £35 per acre; lots 21 and 22 2 roods 11¼ perches and 2 roods 9½ perches respectively £25 each; lot 23, 2 roods 7½ perches, £26; lot 24, 2 roods 5 perches, £30; lot 30 half an acre, £25; lot 37, half an acre, £31. Section E: Lot 13, 5 acres 21 perches, £45 per acre. Nearly the whole of the buyers were local men. The special train left the Bong Bong platform on the return journey at about half-past five.

£1000 Damages.

A Supreme Court writ has been issued at the instigation of Mr Thomas Heagney, chief telegraph operator at the Goulburn Railway Station, against a former telegraph operator, for defamation of character. The action arose out of a certain letter sent by the defendant to the Chief Commissioner. The damages are set down at £1000. [Heagney is well-known in Bowral where he occupied the position of railway telegraph operator for several years.]

THEY SAY—

That a visit is to be made to-day to Loseby's site.
That an engineer has been specially engaged by the council to test the capacity of the water.
That this is doing things in a practical way.
That the Mayor will entertain the aldermen at a lunch on the ground.
That many new buildings are going up in all parts of the town.
That the business at the council to-morrow evening should be very interesting.
That Ashburn's Buns will relieve the pangs of hunger on Good Friday.
That entries for all events in connection with the Mittagong Races close to-day.
That the entrance fee for the Flying Handicap and Joadja Stakes is 10/6 and 7/6 respectively, not £1 as advertised.
That the station yard is beginning to look well.
That the "screenings" from the quarries make an excellent footpath.
That special services will no doubt be held at the various churches on Good Friday.
That those who remain in Bowral during Eastertide will have a very quiet time of it.
That the display of cards, booklets, and Easter gifts at the Stationers' Hall, Free Press buildings, is large and attractive.
That our "soldiers" leave on Friday morning.
That a presentation will be made this evening to Mr. Alderman Bissaker.
That Mr. Pridham's report on the water supply for Bowral will appear in Saturday's issue.
That several visiting teams of cricketers will play in Bowral during the holidays.
That our local team will be weakened by the absence of several of the best players, who are going to the encampment.
That there was a large attendance at the land sale at Austermere on Saturday.
That the special train carried more picnickers than land buyers.
That although it was pretty warm some of the Sydneyites complained bitterly of the cold.
That the quarterly licensing court will be held at Moss Vale on the 8th April.
That it is whispered that there will be a distinguished gathering at the opening of the Masonic Hall at Moss Vale.
That picnicing will be the order of the day during the Easter tide.
That there will be a great exodus of residents to Sydney and elsewhere.
That the whole of the business establishments in Bowral will be closed from Thursday next until Tuesday next.
That the employees are extremely grateful to their employers.
That such a holiday can be appreciated.

CRICKET.

Bowral Association—Civilians v. Volunteers.

On Saturday last a match was played on the Association wicket at the Glebe between the Civilian members of the Bowral Young Men's Association and those of the members who belong to the Volunteer Corps. Those on the "peace" footing were captained by Mr. F. Cope, while the "fighting men" chose Mr. C. Church as "General."

The Civilians were the first to defend the citadel, the siege being vigorously carried on by the "warriors." For some time the defence on the part of the Civilians was stubborn, but gradually they began to waver, and with "warriors to the right of them, warriors to the left of them, warriors in front and behind them," they made but a feeble resistance. Towards the end of the attack a deadly volley was poured in from the Dupres gun, the ricochets especially being very destructive. One by one the gallant defenders were driven back, and with a loss of 63 the forces under "General" Church captured the position which had been so stubbornly defended by the "Civilians," and the soldiers took possession of the fortress.

Nothing daunted Captain Cope quickly massed his forces on the hillside near the tennis ground, and at once led them into the field with the view of retaking the citadel from which he had been so recently driven out. A short and decisive battle took place, the "deadly" fire from the "Whatman" gun proving terribly destructive to the men under "General" Church. A feeble rally was made, but the attack was vigorous and well sustained, and despite the encouraging words of their "General" the red coats wavered and fell back, leaving the Civilians once more masters of the field, and the battle of the "Glebe" resulted in a decisive victory in their favour.

The following will show how the battle was lost and won:—

CIVILIANS.

J. Griffiths, c and b Cupitt	6
B. Whatman, b Gleeson	1
F. Cope, l.b.w., b Cupitt	18
W. Brennan, b Gleeson	1
J. White, c Hardwick, b Cupitt	0
G. Whatman, run out	4
H. Pain, b Dupres	0
E. Pember, b Dupres	0
A. Phillips, b Dupres	2
H. Fraser, c Church, b Dupres	0
J. Griffiths, senr., not out	13
J. Fitzgerald, c Dupres, b Cupitt	4
Sundries	14
	63

VOLUNTEERS.

J. Cupitt, run out	3
W. Gleeson, run out	1
C. Church, c Whatman, b Griffiths	11
A. Dupres, l.b.w., b Whatman	11
F. Pain, b Whatman	3
F. Dale, b Griffiths	0
T. Good, b Whatman	10
H. Hardwick, c and b Whatman	1
J. Ritter, b Whatman	0
G. Frost, not out	0
C. Jordan, b Whatman	2
J. Varlow, b Whatman	0
Sundries	1
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Mittagong Races.

We desire to direct the attention of horse owners and others to the fact that entries for all events in connection with the Mittagong Races, to be held at Sandy Flat on Easter Monday, close to-day, and must be in the hands of the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Evans by, 6 p.m. The programme is sufficiently attractive to induce a good entry, and to provide for the public a rattling good day's sport. We have been requested to state that the entrance fee for the Flying Handicap and Joadja Stakes is 10/6 and 7/6 respectively and not 1 sov. as erroneously advertised.

Turkey, Ho!

Messrs. Nicholson Bros. advertise in another column that they will offer for sale 30 prime fat turkeys at Moss Vale this (Wednesday) afternoon.

GLENQUARRY.

The children of the Glenquarry Public School had been looking forward with delight for the last few weeks to the arrival of their annual "treat," which was held on Friday last by the side of the Glenquarry Creek, in a pretty spot bordered by trees and ferns where the thick soft grass made a beautiful carpet, over which their little feet ran untiringly, their young hearts bounding with hope and gladness, their blythe childish voices mingling with the sweet song of the birds.

A large booth had been erected by the parents on the previous evening. Down the centre of this was a picnic table on which was arranged an elegant display of Mr. Ashburn's choice confectionery, tastefully enhanced by vases and baskets of flowers, and presided over by a bevy of young ladies and parents who were untiring in their efforts to please and attend to all; Mrs. J. Wood, Mrs. McRae, Miss Kirkland, Miss Gibson, and others being particularly busy.

In a small marquee beside the large booth was an exhibition of school sewing, tastefully and creditably displayed, and which attracted a considerable amount of interest, and deservedly so. Judges were appointed, viz., Miss Bousfield, Mrs. Evans, and Mrs. Norman, and prizes were awarded to the most successful of the little workers as follows:—3rd class. 1st prize. Annie Ford; 2nd prize, Jessie Menzies; 3rd prize, Lucy McRae. 2nd clas: 1st prize, Annie Jones; 2nd prize, Amy Cole; 3rd prize, Fanny Ford. 1st class: 1st prize, Amy Kirkland.

The girls' christmas tree was loaded with pretty and useful ornaments under the name of toys; and the boys' treasure box held many articles dear to boyish hearts. Racing was indulged in by the parents and friends as well as by the boys, with the following result:—Winners: F. Akers, J. Woods, H. Fraser. Seconds: C. Perkins, J. Ford, G. Keep. Hop step and jump: 1st W. Gibson, and F. Akers.

Then came the prize books, which were very much admired, and were presented, at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, by Mrs. Tildsley, who made some pleasant remarks of encouragement as she handed each child his or her book, and we trust that in this book may be found a lesson which will leave an imprint of truth and steadfastness on the minds of the youthful readers. Three cheers were then given for Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, and all dispersed well pleased with their pleasant day's outing, which no will doubt form a bright spot on the page of life's story for many of those present.

A DOCTOR'S TEN DON'TS.

Read these ten excellent little admonitions of a prominent physician:

Don't read in street cars or other jolting vehicles.

Don't pick the teeth with pins or other hard substances.

Don't neglect any opportunity to secure a variety of food.

Don't eat and drink hot and cold things immediately in succession.

Don't pamper the appetite with such a variety of food that may lead to excess.

Don't read, write or do any delicate work unless receiving the light from the left side.

Don't direct special mental or physical energies to more than eight hours' work in each day.

Don't keep the parlour dark if you value your own and your children's health.

Don't delude yourself into the belief that you are an exception so far as sleep is concerned; the normal average of sleep is eight hours.

Don't endeavour to rest the mind by absolute inactivity.

THE BANK FRAUD BOOM.

Another Man Missing.

Also some Thousands of Pounds.

The latest man of society and notoriety to be admitted to the bank clerk defaulters' club is Joseph Waterhouse, who worked in the Commercial Bank of Australia, 122 Pitt-street. Waterhouse entered the service of the bank three and a half years ago, and by patience, attention, and alleged sobriety rose in the estimation of the directors until at last he attained the enviable position of accountant. In this billet he received a salary of £375 per annum, which as will be readily seen, is something especially gorgeous for the bank clerk fraternity.

Waterhouse was fairly well liked by the other clerks in the bank, even though he was strict, and any little laxity on the part of the clerks was visited with heavy punishment. However, this only seemed to elevate him in the opinion of the directors, who accordingly trusted him more and more, and, probably, when they read of the other bank frauds congratulated themselves on having such a servant. It was, therefore, not to be wondered at that Waterhouse took advantage of so much confidence and proceeded to do the trick. The examination of the books shows that the first bits were small, but grew in magnitude as time went on, until at last they became a little bit gigantic. The total amount is said to approach £10,000, but it is not for one moment thought that Waterhouse has much with him. He was a gambler in many kinds of ways, but plunged in mining speculations, which invariably turned out bad. A warrant for his arrest was issued on Friday, but the police have not yet got any clue as to the whereabouts of their man, though they say "We think he's in Sydney." The defaulter originally came from Tasmania, where his family are widely for known and respected, and looked up to their piety. It seems that the Sydney bank clerks are endeavouring to take away from the reputation of Melbourne in the fraud business. When Allpress and another got away from Melbourne the palm was given to that city, but with Bennett, Bradley, Drane, Waterhouse, and a few others of lesser note, Sydney may now claim a glorious land. It also appears that all the defaulters are steady and sober individuals.

Easter Holidays.

By an advertisement in another column it will be seen that the whole of the business men in the town have consented to close their respective establishments from Thursday, the 26th instant, until Tuesday, the 31st instant. This action on the part of the employers will give their assistants an opportunity of taking a trip, and of otherwise enjoying their Easter holidays in the most perfect manner possible. It is such actions as this that make good and faithful employees. We compliment the business men of Bowral on their unselfish and spirited action, and hope that they with their employees may thoroughly enjoy their holidays.

Railway Quadruplication.

No fewer than 15 tenders were received by the Railway Commissioners for the quadruplication of the suburban railway between Croydon and Strathfield. Among this total two tenderers were nearly equal in amount, both being in the total over £67,000. Owing however, to more favourable conditions for the completion of the work being guaranteed, the offer of Mr. John Ahearn to complete the contract was accepted, his price being £67,900.

Moss Vale Reserve Rifle Corps.

At the monthly prise shooting of the Moss Vale Reserve Rifle Corps, at 500 and 600 yards ranges, the following won prizes:—H. Coleman, 58; J. L. Varlow, 58; W. Jones, 55; E. Viles, 52; W. Bell, 50; F. Bray, 50; T. E. Radford, 47; G. Bailey, 47. Mr. H. Coleman won the Garrett silver cup trophy for the second time, with a score of 115 points, being the best two shootings during the quarter. He also won the society's silver medal for the best aggregate for the past quarter, with a score of 166 points.

Town Improvements.

We notice that Mr. Alderman Harrison has just commenced the erection of a very handsome cottage residence in Bong Bong street, immediately adjoining Mr. Farrow's residence. The contractor is Mr. E. Bottley, and the plans, &c., have been prepared by Mr. Harold R. Hardwick, architect. The building is to be of the most modern style, containing all the comforts and conveniences of a cottage home. The work has already been commenced and when complete the building will prove a worthy addition to the many cottage homes in the town.

Death of Mr. J. R. Street, M.L.A.

Mr. J. R. Street, died on Monday, at his residence, Bertley-place, Elizabeth Bay. Mr. Street has been in ill-health for six months, but it was not until last Wednesday that he passed into the condition which gave but little hope of recovery. On that day he lost consciousness, and, with the exception of brief intervals, he remained unconscious to the time of his death. Mr. Street was well known and highly respected. He was an Australian by birth, his natal place being Bathurst. He was 68 year old. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and five sons. He has sat in the Legislative Assembly during this and last Parliament as one of the representatives of East Sydney.

Shocking Accident to a Girl.

An accident occurred at the Woodburn Dairy Factory (near Lismore) on Saturday, when a girl aged 12 years, daughter of Mr. D. M'Phee, hotelkeeper, while in the factory near the shaft, was caught by the hair of her head and drawn round the shaft until the scalp was absolutely torn off from above the eyes right back to the neck; one arm was also broken. Notwithstanding the terrible nature of the injuries the girl recovered consciousness, and described how the accident occurred. She had been stooping to pick up a bit of paper, and her hair, being loose, either fell or was blown over on the shaft. It is at present uncertain whether the girl will recover.

Bathing Fatalities in the Hunter.

A youth, aged 17, named Frederick Sullivan, while bathing with a number of others in a secluded part of the Hunter river, at West Maitland, on Sunday, dived into a shallow part and received concussion to the spine. He was taken out of the water and remained conscious, though paralysed, until this morning, when he died.—A sad case of drowning occurred near the same spot early on Monday morning. Mr. Thomas Dawson, Wesleyan minister, who had been acting as *locum tenens* for the Rev. Joseph Spence, was bathing with a companion, and in attempting to reach the other side of the river he took cramp, and despite the exertions of his friend he sank in deep water. The body was not recovered until some five hours afterwards. The deceased gentleman came from Queensland, whither he intended returning that night. He was only 27 years of age, and his death has cast quite a gloom over the community.

Wreck of the Utopia.

In connection with the deplorable disaster to the Utopia, which resulted in the drowning of 570 unfortunate Italian immigrants in in Gibraltar Bay, it was decided by the authorities to arrest the captain of the Utopia who was among the saved. Divers have made the horrible discovery that the hatchway of the sunken ship is literally covered with the bodies of the dead.

Execution of Wilson.

John Wilson was executed at the Melbourne Gaol on Monday morning for the murder of his sweetheart, Stella Marks, in the Darling Gardens on January 25. He was accompanied to the gallows by Rev. Ralph Brown (Wesleyan), who has been attending to his spiritual wants. He walked firmly to the drop, and in answer to the customary question as to whether he had anything to say the condemned man replied that there was no doubt he killed the girl, but it was not done wilfully or knowingly. "I place my trust in Jesus everlastingly," were the last words he said. When the bolt was drawn death took place instantaneously.

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