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THE STATE MEMORIAL.
A PLEA FOR UNITY.

The decision to erect a memorial in King's Park as this State's tribute to its soldiers of the Great War was responsible for much unseemly weeping and wailing by two sections of the community.

There are the small minded parochial governing bodies who objected because the monument was to be in near the Capital City, who intimated that Perth was asking for the assistance of the whole State to erect its memorial. What rot!

The meeting was called by the Premier at the instigation of the Returned Soldiers' League, and rightly the memorial is to be erected in the State's National Park, over which the Perth City Council has no control.

Then arose an army of utilitarians who wrote long sermons to the papers demanding that the money be spent on the erection of some public utility, or in the performance of some public duty. Many wonderful and weird schemes were unfolded for the disposal of the proposed fund, but to date no one seems to have suggested that a memorial fund could be raised to wipe off portion, or even the whole of the State deficit. Have these people no souls? Do they not know that a memorial should inspire a profound impression of respect and reverence for the dead if it is to serve its purpose? Could any of their utilitarian schemes produce this impression? If these cranks were consistent they, knowing that pictures have no practical use, would tear them from their walls and use the frames perhaps for firewood and the canvases for water bags. How foolish of these people to wear rings on their fingers, and gold watch chains, and for the women to clothe their bodies in the many beautiful robes, when a standard utility dress would so much better serve their purpose.

These illustrations could be multiplied a thousand fold. They only go to show that everything should serve its own purpose. Public buildings, hospitals, factories and all utility schemes suffer, as the League says, to inspire the correct impression. Stone Memorials have been built as memorials to the dead throughout the ages, until to-day it has become second nature for the community to be impressed and inspired by them with a profound reverence for the dead. Utility memorials soon lose their identity and thus the fundamental principle involved is destroyed to the point of desecration.

The objective, a memorial to our dead heroes — calls for reverence and the same elimination of self as during the danger years. Let all sections of our State community work harmoniously together to gain the objectivity and the inspiration of the sacrifices of the soldiers going them on. If every citizen of the State would just give a mite towards the erection of this monument we would then surely possess a reverence inspiring spot where earnest pilgrims might pay their homage, pause and meditate awhile.

ANZAC CELEBRATIONS.
VISIT THE SCHOOLS.

The most patriotic section of the community is the returned soldier element. They proved it up to the hilt by offering their lives for certain principles. These principles they still retain and it would be a fine thing for Australia if they permitted them to be taught in the schools. Sub-branches of the League will be a golden opportunity to train the impressionists of the future and remind them of their obligation to live up to the ideals of our comrades who died. The young mind will be impressed and lasting good will result.

Sub-branches will fail in their duty if they omit the schools from their Anzac Day celebrations.

A QUESTIONAIRE FOR PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.

Candidates for Parliamentary honours have been circularised by the League asking them to define their attitude to returned soldiers, and answers will be published in the Press on the 18th instant.

The following questions were submitted:

1. Are you in favour of preference to returned soldiers?
2. Are you prepared to give the above your entire support in Parliament?
3. Are you prepared to investigate and place before the House any individual case of alleged injustice to returned soldiers that may be brought before you?

WHY WORRY? — GET AN R.S.L. ART UNION TICKET.

Information has been received at the State Executive Office to the effect that the council of management of the United Service Fund (England) which from time to time has received applications for grants for the benefit of ex-service men of the British forces in overseas dominions, has decided to make a grant of £5,000 for the benefit of British ex-service men, and their families in Australia. The R.S.L. has been asked to administer this fund. The Trustee of this fund in this State are Mr. President Humphry, and the League trustees, Messrs. Collett, Priestley, and Morrell.

A joint deputation from the League and the R.M. and L.M. Association, waited on Prime Minister Bruce during his short stay in Perth and placed before him the case of three returned soldiers, who, although employed constantly for three years by the Disposals Board of the War Service Homes Commission, were refused recreation leave on the grounds that they were only classified as casual employees. Mr. Bruce intimated that he was not aware that any employee who worked constantly for 12 months did not receive annual recreation leave. He advised the deputation to refer the matter to Mr. Stewart, Federal Minister for Works and Railways.

League Officials greatly appreciate Mr. Ernest Lee Steree's generosity in recently donating a sum of £25 towards the League funds.
STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS
13/2/1924.

Mr. Turnbull's Appointment.
Mr. Turnbull's appointment was then discussed, and in view of the telegram received from Federal President it was moved by Mr. Issac, seconded by Mr. Priestley, that the matter stand over till next meeting.

It was further moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Zeffert that this Executive send the following - telegram -
(1) Federal President; (2) President of Victorian State Executive; (3) The President of the Melbourne Sub-branch.
The message to be read as follows: -
"A plague on both your houses; bury your differences and get back to the soldiers' cause." - Carried.

Employment of Disabled Men.
A motion dealing with this matter was recommitted as a result of a resolution at last meeting, and was fully discussed.

It was moved by Mr. Priestley, seconded by Mr. Mellor, that any position available for a disabled soldier shall be first offered in accordance with the degree of disability. - Carried.

Conference of Soldier Settlers.
The secretary reported that since the last meeting a further two branches had signified their intention of sending delegates to this Conference, should it be held and it was pointed out that it will be necessary for at least 20 to send delegates beyond the three already sent from the railways. It was resolved that that matter be adjourned sine die.

Leave of Absence.
Mr. Cornell applied for leave of absence for three months, owing to the fact that he was contesting a seat in the forthcoming election. Leave was granted by the 13th February.

Reports.
The State Secretary's report on his visit to Narrogin, Beverley, Brookton, Perenjolly and Northam, was received, and considered to be very satisfactory.

A report of the operations of the Employment Bureau for the month of January was received.

The Propaganda and Social Committee presented a comprehensive report, which was adopted. Mr. Watt was appointed to the vacancy on this committee, caused by Mr. Butler's resignation.

A report, presented by the General Purpose Committee was received and adopted, with alterations and additions.

The House Committee submitted a report, which was adopted.

The Finance Committee's report was adopted, and Mr. Bateston appointed to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Cook.

The President reported the action taken in connection with the dismissal of Mr. McNab from the Government Motor Garage.

The President reported having interviewed Mr. McKay in connection with the appointments of Group Settlement Foremen, and stated that Mr. McKay had agreed to circularise all supervisors and group foremen in connection with the matter, with a view to obtaining a greater degree of preference to returned soldiers.

Mr. Paddo read a report of the activities of the Visiting Committee to mental institutions, which was adopted.

It was reported by the Executive that the Executive has the matter of visiting Claremont Hospital for Insane and "Stomnness" in hand, that the Perth branch be requested to eliminate these hospitals from their visiting list of soldier institutions.

Mr. Bader reported on his visit to Kelmscott.

Mr. Cook reported that he had taken action in connection with the reported return of soldier fruit barrows in the streets of Perth, and had arranged a deputation to the Council, and he thought that the case would be won. His action in this connection was congratulated.

Entertaining Members of Royal Fleet.
It was resolved that Mr. Shapcott be interviewed, and that the R.S.L. be allowed to take part in the entertaining of these men. - Carried.

It was arranged that a wireless message of welcome be sent immediately the ships were within radio distance.

Delegate R.M. & L.M.A.
A letter was read and received from the R.M. and L.M.A., asking that the delegate to our Executive be given the power to move a motion dealing with the affairs of their Association, which may be of urgent character, and also to have the right to speak and to reply.

Our Constitution would not allow of this, and as it was desirable that a delegate be given these privileges, it was decided that the matter be referred to the Agenda Paper for the next State Congress.

27/2/24.

Present.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1924.

Invitations.
Invitation from West Swan Progress Association was received.

Claremont.—Invitation from Claremont Branch for somebody to be present at their next general meeting, and Messrs. Penny, Philp and Zeffert signified their intention of being present, and it was decided that Mr. Penny be present.

Kelmscott.—In response to an invitation from the Kelmscott sub-branch, the State President and Mr. McDonald said they would attend their next meeting.

Salvation Army.—Members signified their intention of attending the welcome to be given to Chaplain Major McKenzie at the Salvation Army Fortress on Sunday, the 2nd March.

Coolup.—An invitation from the Coolup Fallen Soldiers Memorial Committee, and also from the sub-branch, were received, and it was decided that the branch be asked to arrange a meeting on the 8th March, after the unveiling of the Memorial.

Federal Executive Meeting.
It was resolved that Col. Tinney be asked to represent this State branch at the Federal Executive Meeting, to be held on the 13th March.

Reports.
The State Secretary reported on his trip to Kalgoorlie and Boulder.

The House Committee's report was adopted.

The Repatriation Committee's report was adopted, and congratulations were extended to this committee for work done and results achieved.

The General Purposes Committee report was adopted. Mr. Bader was appointed to act on this committee, vice Mr. Harvey, who resigned, owing to being absent from town for long periods.

The Finance Committee's report was adopted. This committee reported that they were in receipt of a donation from Mr. Ernest S. Steere of £25, towards League funds, and it was decided that a letter of appreciation be sent.

The secretary reported that several employees of the War Service Homes Committee had been remiss in keeping the branch informed of their visits, and in spite of the fact that their periods of employment amounted to years, they were only classified as casual hands.

Mr. Turnbull's Appointment.
It was decided that this matter be left in the hands of the President and Secretary, with power to act.

A letter was received from the Federal President regarding this matter, and it was moved by Mr. Zeffert, seconded by Rabbi Freedman: That the Federal President be informed that the W.A. branch recognises that little action in connection with the Turnbull case is desirable, being created by the highest motives, on behalf of the returned soldier movement, and without desiring to express any opinion as to the rights or wrongs of the Turnbull appointments, it has the fullest confidence in him. - Carried.

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EARLE PAGE, Treasurer.

Commonwealth Treasury, February, 1924.

How He Got There.

These R.A.M.C. wallahs are excellent fun (writes an ex-service friend) when you meet them out of business hours. The other night I accepted an invitation to dine with the members of the divisional R.A.M.C. at one of those reunion functions which are nowadays a regular feature of London's social life; and they had some good tales that were quite new to an old infantryman. The best was about a soldier, out of the machine guns, who rolled up rather the wrong for wear at a dressing station. After he had been patched up and comforted a bit, he was sent back, but something went wrong with the work, and instead of getting amongst hi old machine gunners he found himself in the bombers. Within two days he was back at the same old dressing station, swathed in field dressings. 'Hello! How did you get back so soon?' asked the cheerful M.O. 'They sent me to the bombers,' lisped the patient. 'How do that account for a quick a return?' asked the M.O. 'They gave me a bomb,' stuttered the patient, 'and told me to count four, and throw it. I counted o-o-one—and here I am.'

Two of a Kind.

One day a big man watched an angler-casting in a stream for some time, and eventually inquired: 'Had any luck?'

'Yes,' replied the fisher, 'I took thirty-one out of here yesterday.'

'That's interesting,' said the inquirer. 'By the way, do you know who I am? I am the senior magistrate in this district, and this happens to be on my estate.'

'Ah! Do you know who I am?' responded the angler. 'I am the champion liar of the district.'

Well Put.

Two lively young men went into a restaurant and heard the waiter give such order to the cooks, as 'Ham and chicks,' 'Slops and sinkers,' and so on.

'Watch me puzzle that waiter with an order which I believe he won't shortly,' remarked one of the young men as the waiter approached.

Then he said: 'Give us poached eggs on toast for two with the yolks broken.'

The waiter, who was equal to the emergency, walked to the end of the room, 'Adam and Eve an a raft twice,' he shouted. 'And wreck 'em.'

Hard on the Critic.

A noted conductor was condemning a musical critic.

'When I read his criticisms,' said he, 'it makes me think of a young lady for whom I once played 'The Moonlight Sonata' on the piano.'

'I like that,' she said, when I'd finished. 'It's now isn't it?'

'Why?' said I, 'it's Beethoven. Surely you know Beethoven was dead.'

'No,' said the young lady. 'I didn't even know he was ill.'

WHY WORRY?—GET AN R.S.L. ART UNION TICKET.
EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF CHILDREN OF DECEASED AND INCAPACITATED SOLDIERS.

In order that it may be more widely known in circles where the advantages will be appreciated, it is proposed to give some idea of the schemes operating for education and training soldiers' children.

There are three schemes in force: (1) The Soldiers' Children's Education Scheme; (2) Sir Samuel McCaughy's Bequest; (3) Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust.

Taking each in sequence, our readers will be readily able to determine whether any of their friends are eligible and the extent of assistance which may be rendered.

Soldiers' Children Education Scheme.

This scheme was inaugurated by the Repatriation Department, and is controlled by the Repatriation Commission. A Board, comprising members of the R.S.L., W.A. University, Secondary Schools, Education Department, Soldiers' Scholarship Trust and Repatriation Department, with Repatriation Officer as Secretary administers the grant.

The provisions of the scheme embody education and vocational training of the children of deceased or totally and permanently incapacitated soldiers. During the period of training an educational maintenance allowance is granted.

Sir Samuel McCaughy Bequest.

This Bequest is controlled by the "McCaughy Bequest" in Melbourne, and the local affairs are dealt with by a Committee in this State with a Repatriation Officer as Secretary.

It provides assistance to children of deceased or totally and permanently incapacitated soldiers as under:

1. University, College and School fees for technical and business training.
2. Text books.
4. Kits of tools for apprentices.
5. Equipment allowance for agricultural and seaman apprentices.
6. Fares to and from nearest school to home of student.
7. Maintenance allowance as may be approved by the Trustees.

Soldiers' Children Scholarship Trust.

Representatives of the R.S.L. and various organisations with the Hon. Secretary controlling the Trust.

Owing to generosity of the Secondary Schools, Education Department, and various organisations, the Trust is in a position to grant free scholarships to the soldiers' children and in certain cases to render a little assistance towards the cost of school books for children who are not eligible to obtain such assistance from the Repatriation Department.

Having briefly introduced our readers to the different provisions existing for the assistance to orphans and children of incapacitated men, we propose to deal more fully with each in turn, showing the nature of the application of the scheme.

The Soldiers' Children Education Scheme was inaugurated in 1921 by the Repatriation Commission, with the object of providing assistance to enable eligible children to qualify for some profession, useful trade or calling. To this end educational benefits are placed within reach of the students by reason of means without.

The determination of eligibility for participants under this scheme is simple, as all children of deceased soldiers, whose death resulted from war disabilities or service, and children of totally and permanently incapacitated soldiers are eligible. An educational maintenance allowance is payable on behalf of these children whilst at school, at university, whilst undergoing agricultural or industrial training, as the case may be.

The scheme operates from the time the child attains the age of 13 years. When commencing under this benefit, particulars are taken of the beneficiary's future avocation, in order that a wide fundamental knowledge may be instilled. With the progress of the child's scholastic and vocational periodical reports are furnished by the tutors, which show the degree of efficiency attained, as well as the educational standard attendance. The Board considers these reports to be of great value in determining the suitability of the avocation selected.

A brief resume of the maintenance allowance rates will furnish some idea of the magnitude of the scope of the scheme, and it will be borne in mind that the grants are entirely dissociated from pensions.

From 13 years to 16 years of age, whilst at school and living home, 10s. per week, or if it is necessary to reside away from home, 20s. per week; from 16 to 18 years of age, attending school and living at home, 20s., or if residing away from home, 30s. weekly.

In training for Agriculture (16 to 22 years of age): 1st year, 20s. weekly; 2nd year, 25s. weekly; 3rd year, 27s. 6d. weekly. During Professional training for each of University Course, 35s. weekly, living at home or 50s. weekly living away from home.

The Industrial Training, or service as apprentice is necessarily a more comprehensive matter to cope with. Under 16 years of age, an allowance which with pension and wages will ensure a total income of 25s. weekly is provided.

At 16 years or first year of apprenticeship, 15s. or 22s. 6d.; second year, 17s. 6d. or 25s.; third, fourth and fifth years, 20s. to 25s. These rates are each in respect of living home or away from home. The extra allowance being granted in the latter cases.

This grant is subjected to the proviso that the Board shall not approve of payment of an allowance which will exceed the following weekly wages (when computed in addition to the award rate or rate received by the apprentice): second year, male 45s.; female, 45s.; third, fourth and fifth years, male, 50s.; female, 45s.

(To be continued).

NOTE.

Owing to the trouble in the Printing Trade we have had great difficulty in publishing this issue and the various printing inaccuracies have been unavoidable.

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THE LISTENING POST.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1924.

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Legislative Assembly Elections - North Perth Electorate

Do not fail to vote No. 1 for our tried and trusted representative and friend

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ELECTORS, be true to yourselves. Go early to the Poll, and be sure and vote MacCallum Smith

Authorised by M. E. Eeftert, Glendower St.
VARIA

Launce. Private.—Your correspondent "Digger" is like many more of the grun- ners who air imaginary wrongs, when he says hard things about the Repat. doctors. Now I've had a few reviews of pension and have never had to wait very long, and it certainly doesn't happen often enough to kick up such a row about. Why, even the "Sunday Times" poked its head in. Anyway, I want to tell "Digger" that if he had to wait and lost an hour or two of pay, it's his own fault who is mean, not the doc. It stands the reason that the doctor can't be at fault, his examination may take anything from five minutes to half-an-hour; but the employer who begrudges his man an hour off once or twice a year on account of a war wound or injury is a delightful person. Now, "Digger" may be interested to know that the humanitarian spirit which animated the medical profession of years ago is still as surely there, because I know of instances where these belied gentlemen have rendered gratuitous medical aid to hard-up diggers for private complaints.

O.T.—Your article "Turning the Corner" has me with its purpose. Too true, utility memorials lose their identity and those mercenary birds who wouldn't give a cent for a perpetual memorial would be as backward in donating for a utility stunt. You have demonstrated in so many ways that no thinking person would dream of erecting anything to the memory of the "mighty dead," which would be soon the scene of indifference and impious traffic. Stick to it, "Listening Post."

Digger.—Camelio was quite right about scraping the burdensome lumbering name of the R.S.S.A. U.L.L., and in my opinion his suggestion: "The Australian Legion" is better than "Z.Z.'s" improved version. "The Australian Veterans Legion." The former is alright, but savours too much of America, whilst the latter has that fault, and is too bulky. Split the difference, "The Australian Veterans."

Cans:—The bomb "Camelio" (February "L.P.") dropped, scores a hit! How well we can pick the big bully of good physique—the coldfoot slacker—yes, and how the guileless folk voted for him and how they intend to vote for him again! Diggers, hop in with your digger reps. to put a gag on this guy, if he is returned.

The Victorian War Memorial is to be a beautiful and imposing structure, and the designers suggest that it should bear the following insuperable inscription:—"Let all men know that this is holy ground. Neither Decoy nor Time shall ruin this Shrine, for it is built not only in stone, but also in the hearts of men. Therefore, instead of tears, give remembrance: instead of vanity, praise. The sacrifice of a nation lies here."

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Perth
Under the title of "Grand Re-union Smoke Social," the 28th Battalion Association is issuing, for a moderate charge, permits to attend the function of the season. There is to be at St. George’s Hall (and we suppose, St. George “Mick”) will be there in good ‘spirits’), a reunion on the night of April 16th. Its usual inimitable style, the committee has arranged that nothing shall be wanting, and every 28th who can possibly attend should take this golden opportunity of having an enjoyable evening among old associates.

An Item of Interest: Col. Semmens told the writer that the Repat. in W.A. employed more Wingies and Stumpies than any other State. In W.A. amongst some 40 members of the male staff, 16 are eligible for membership of the Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association, and what is more, are members. If every Government office was conducted on this basis (e.g. 40 per cent. maimed men) the employment problem for disabled men would cease to exist, especially if they were to follow the scheme in force at the Repat. for employing men with other than limb disabilities. This proportion of disabled men including all classes of disabilities runs to 75 per cent., which is commendable.

APPRRECIATION FROM NEW ZEALAND.

The following interesting communication was recently received at the State office of the League from Mr. V. A. Parker, of Roxburgh, New Zealand, together with a year’s subscription:—"I was pleased to read the account in the R.S. paper about the appointment of a Secretary for the S.P.C.A., and consider it is worth a man’s while to send 10/- a year to another State where there is an organisation like yours that can pick up a fight against people in high places, like you have done. Let me tell you Australia is a fine place and I long for the fellowship of the Aussie people. I am a New Zealander, but my heart is in Australia.”

THE LISTENING POST.

Segregation of Soldier Mental Patients
THE NEW MOVE.

Western Australia has been recently visited, by the Minister controlling Repatriation, the Chairman of the Commission and its principal Medical Officer. The visit was opportune, as it synchronised with the long awaited delay in the treatment of mental institutions, and stimulated the tendency to repair the injuries treatment to which these unfortunate men have long been subjected.

With an eye to furthering the cause it had taken up, the League sent delegates to interview the administrative head of the Repatriation Department (Colonel Semmens) immediately on his arrival in this State. Following on this interview the prospect of inducing the somnolent State authorities to move seemed to considerably brighten, and when Dr. Earle Page, in his capacity as Minister for Repatriation inspected Claremont Hospital for Insane, and Stromness, he became so convinced of the need for urgent action that he interviewed the Premier (Sir James Mitchell) on the matter.

It does not belong to us to dwell on the excuse given by the State Government that the difficulty experienced in procuring a suitable site was the cause of the long extended delay. It is but too thankful to realise that our defencesless comrades are to receive some measure of their just deserts after so great a sacrifice.

West Subiaco has been selected for the new home of Crown proper, and they have been designed in consultation with the Inspector General of Insane. The Commonwealth Government will contribute one half of the cost of the buildings, and upon the 20th of April the State as at present the cost of maintenance of the Repatriation Department’s patients.

Medical science has determined that the classification of the various grades of this malady tends towards improvement, and has shown that lunacy is more readily combatted under conditions where its routine is eliminated. It would appear that it is intended to segregate the patients, so as to separate the milder cases from the acute cases; but we would be glad of an assurance that the treatment to be provide will be in accordance with the latest findings of mental specialists.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1924.

“WHAT'S THE TIME?”

By “Bindy Boo.”

The role of the critic is perhaps an easily acquired achievement. The opposing political force has to grapple with the Government's power—it is policy. But, often comment is asked for. Never for the second time of asking, it comes so freely; it flows like Adam’s ale.

Who would ever criticise the Subiaco clock? The craft of the builder is an outstanding prominence. The accuracy of the architect is all that could be desired. The position could be much better, although its facings are parallel with those of the early dynasties of the Orient. King Solomon’s temple was built on those same points of the compass as the Suby clock. The stone was hevn and the metal beaten into shape by the hands of the artisan. One could not wish to see any beautiful memorial dedicated to the memory of our comrades who gave their all for the life and freedom of the Empire. Yet there seems something amiss. Let our minds wander back when our nation was struggling for every inch of ground, and, perhaps, the precious ounce of bread. Back to those long dreary marches. How a little band of music made our labourers lighter. The enemy moves ahead, whilst behind we had the Bugle Band, and drums at intermediate points between; each playing a different tune, and beating a different time. However, it was music. Some would curse it after having tried to get-in step, and failed. Some were satisfied and would march in rhythmical strides all night. Then getting back to Subiaco, let us dwell beneath the clock whilst it chimes the midnight hour. Why, the damned thing’s out of tune.

Martyrdom.

The story is told of an American woman, a leader of the S.P.C.A., who was soliciting subscriptions for the cause of dumb animals in Madrid.

"Will you give something, senor?" she asked a Spanish grandee.

"But certainly senora," he replied gruffly. "It shall do something better than that. I shall get up a bullfight for the benefit of your society!"

Be There

- The Diggers Fair -
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Concerts, Dancing, Whippets, Punch and Judy,
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G. S. Mellor, Organiser.
MT. MARSHALL SUB-BRANCH.

Reports to hand disclose that the local sub-branch is prospering. There are now 20 financial members, being an increase of 9 since the annual meeting in December last. Every member whose sub, expired at the end of the year, and who is still residing in the district has renewed his subscription.

KATANNING SUB-BRANCH.

A short resume of the doings of the branch since December are given hereunder.

December was practically given up to preparation for the branch’s annual picnic at Elymantaup, which was held on New Year’s Day. It is gratifying to note that the outing resulted in a financial success, the profit being nearly £10, but better still, it was a great advertisement for the branch, and should be the means of getting members, and a step towards the Newnagalee Cup, which we intend to wrest from its present holders this year.

The picnic over, we turned our attention to a membership drive, which, up to the present, has been very successful, our last stunt being a trip to Broomhill to re-organise in that district and probably that stunt will be the forerunner of others in other parts of the district.

We have had several cases from members, and obtained a successful issue in those that have been finalised, but there are still one or two in abeyance.

We are striving to make this a more progressive branch, and desire the assistance of every digger in our district.

DALWALINU SUB-BRANCH.

To tell of all the activities of this progressive branch would occupy too much space, yet to recount precisely some recent doings may serve as an incentive to other districts. At a recent meeting, which was called to discuss organisation, some good ground was covered. The subject of inaugurating a scheme for the marketing of soldiers’ settlers’ produce was favourably commented upon, and the possibility of creating a soldier settlers’ wheat pool was considered. Disabilities of members in regard to applications for land and the like were dealt with, and matters were promptly passed on to the Executive. The members agreed to canvas for new members, particularly those ex-Imperial soldiers who were unaware of their eligibility for membership.

A bold resolution in connection with the hospital gymkhana was for the formation of a mock court. Happily, diggers were called to act as posted armed revenue citizens for mock offences, and the court would inflict fines for the hospital revenue.

Later reports state that the hospital carnival was a great success, and they go well to show the influence of the R.S.L. can be brought to bear in the achievement of the objects calculated to popularise the organisation in other than R.S.L. circles.

GLENORAN SUB-BRANCH.

(No. 10 Group Settlement).

Secretary J. J. Bradshaw writes:—It is the desire of my branch that I shall act as correspondent to your paper. After a great deal of trouble we formed a branch of the League at our group and the membership is rapidly increasing. Unfortunately, we are in trouble from the kick-off and the fight for preference that we are putting up is of vital interest. The R.S.P.C.A. case is trivial in comparison with the present situation of which I will give a few facts and allow readers to judge the position for themselves.

At our annual meeting we voted carried: “That members view with disgust the attitude of the State Executive regarding re-appointments of group officials.”’ The motion is drastic, and the reason is that, although we have communicated with the Executive, non-retumed soldiers are receiving practically every new appointment. The annual report of the branch gave a list of official figures re appointiments of group foremen which were 105 civilians and 44 returned soldiers. Then to quieten things a bit Group Settlement Headquarters sent a circular to officials to the effect that in future preference will be given to group members—soldiers first preference. To show how they treat such instructions and ignore the League the responsible officials picked their civilian foreman for Group 9 from the group next door to us with the knowledge that one of our soldiers was an efficient applicant for the position. Have we not 105 soldiers capable of filling all the positions. Why did not our Executive demand an explanation? Is it a case of having the windup? We are entitled to preference, and pledges have been given and are not being kept. This is not a matter to be side-stepped, but one that should be fought with all our ammunition.” We say that the State Executive has not sufficiently pushed this matter and our contention is that if preference is worth having, it is worth having somewhere and I leave the matter to your readers to judge where the fault lies. I sincerely hope that some of the sub-branches will take this matter up and give their opinions on the subject.

PREMANTLE SUB-BRANCH.

President Geo. Bee knew a thing or two when he said, at a recent branch meeting, that ex-secretary Theo. Brennan was the best cadger he knew. A few trophies were to be wanted to instil more ginger into the branch, so Brennan was sent, and returned next day with four one-guinea trophies, donated by the firms of Doig and Horn, C. H. May, Mr. Dunkeehorn, and Mr. Hooper. One trophy is to be presented for the best missing line to the following Limerick:

A digger by the name of Peach,
Wanted cash to go to the beach,
But he found that his name
When for real he came

There is a gold medal for the digger who brings the most new members to the branch by the end of June. Also a trophy to the member of the Woman’s Auxiliary who enlist the most members. The disposal of the remaining trophy will be decided later.

The branch seems fortunate in its secretaries. Mr. A. G. Kirby and his good wife are two of the best; the time they put to attending to the welfare of the returned soldiers is remarkable. The League could do with many more of their type. Fremantle Branch is fortunate in having many willing workers, Jimmy James and Charlie Walker in particular, being glutons for graft.

NARROGIN SUB-BRANCH.

GETTING TOGETHER.

A crowd of very encouraging size foregathered in the branch’s meeting room recently in response to President Barrow’s appeal for a “get together” rally. The real spirit of brotherliness, comfort, free and homely, yet rousing, was manifest, and the large and a big gathering in meeting old friends and making new ones. There was, of course, some of the cup whichdmahiedeebeer: fitWyr x r raban that cheers, but, wisely, not too much of it, with an occasional burst of laughter: the gathering was 100 per cent entertainment. In keeping with the general forward movement additional fatigue duties were arranged for. Comrade White, the able and popular schoolmaster, has been a social organiser: Mr. Councillor Roper, the shepherd of straying sheep, while Mr. Councillor Cleave was coaxed into resuming his old duties as publicity expert. One point strongly emphasised by various committee members, and one worthy of wide notice, was that returned men who, through stress of circumstances, find it impossible to raise together the necessary fees, may turn up at the fortnightly rallies, and, generally, enjoy all the benefits of membership. Obviously, what is vital, if the R.S.L. is to realise those of its ideals that seek to reanimate brotherliness, is for the spirit of the funeral rally to permeate the whole of the intervening period. The interests

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of the under-dog will then become practical politics with the R.S.L. and then a unity and real progress will be possible.

Mr. Bichard, our hustling tailor, introduced the competitive spirit and added materially to the evening's interest by his offer of Law. He gave a card of plate to the smartest eucharist present. A test proved the S.E. to be our genial brother. Pidditt.

Talk was general and lively, was in beautifully barking style, but was curiously diverse. Upon the ear of the "chiel amang 'em" these drifted in snatches from the pension question; pigs; public houses; the misconception of sundry billjims when visiting London; matters from Argentina; and the more advanced phases of theosophical thought.

In Narrogin the primary objective of returned men is the possession of their own official home. The writer expects this objective will be achieved. Why? Because, gentleman, the canker of caste, which kills the brotherly feeling, appears non-existent here, leaving a free field for unity and progress.

Beverley Notes.

Mr. Jas. I. Mann, late of Todd's 10th Light Horse, now a soldier settled on Avondale Estate, near Beverley, is standing for the Beverley seat at the forthcoming general elections. The genial "Jim" is standing as a Ministerial C.P. candidate, and having the advantage of youth and energy over his opponents, he should put up a good fight.

Mr. Charles Taylor, a lawyer and a clear speaker, and should, if elected, prove an acquisition to Parliament. He has always taken a keen interest in League affairs, and believes all the returned men of the electorate to accord him their full support.

The General Secretary, Mr. W. A. Penny, visited Beverley on Thursday, 1st inst., but owing to the secretary of the old branch being a country resident, with a weekly mail, his letter, asking for a meeting to be arranged for that evening, was not delivered till the afternoon of the same day, and then the plan was withdrawn. Had a town resident been secretary, some good organising work might have been put in by Mr. Penny.

Several soldier settlers in the Beverley district have had a pretty warm time lately with bush fires. Messrs. Bob Anderson, Jack Taylor, Hubert Smith, and A. E. Sewell were losers of either crop or stubble and grass by one fire, and the President of the local volunteer rifle brigade, George Brown, had two fires to fight on his property at Dale Bridge, but good work with his two tractors and ploughs in ploughing breaks enabled the fire fighters to prevent any extensive damage to Mr. Brown's property.

Soliolgy. (By Monoped.)

The visit of the Fleet to Australian waters recalls to mind a story of the Prince of Wales during his tour. In Japan, as a courtesy to the Japanese, who recently visited us, the Prince attended the Church of England in Tokio in company with Sir Charles Elliott, the British Ambassador. When the collection was being taken up, the Prince feverishly searched his pockets and then turned anxiously to his companion. "Have you any money left?" The unlucky Australian, practically a roll of Japanese notes, value in about seventy pounds, handed it over to His Royal Highness, doubtlessly thinking that he would be put into a private car. The Prince, however, carried on with his collecting. Without looking at the roll, the Prince dumped it into the plate, and the poor Ambassador saw no more of it!

Every little while a few bursts of Scotch humour round, and of course, that's to be taken by Scotty, my friend, recites with fearful gusto:

"As birsted bere-meal, bannockes bault wi' a supple whey,
Weel-noon wi' butter fare the kirk,
And frae that mornin' hame hame hame hame.
A knievelock o' a mule he knucked rossen at the fire,
Sweet' ower wi' wauchets o' foamin' milk
Just fiechten fare the byre.
On many days the omm hoon will gara a bauld or twa,
Forbye thare's aye a hae tae pluck for freens that chance tae ca'-
A hooch o' heathens now an' then's that they'll ha'e a wa'-cast,
An' fish is nae a fairly wi' th' roster runnin' past."

Yes, when Scotty does things like that as me I have to admit he has out-stripped me.

In his more rational moods he is less tense, and tells such a story as one of Sir Harry Lander's: "Scotlandmen are not mean, that's just when the English boys take at them. Once there was an Englishman crossing the border to do business wi' a Scot. He gave the Scot a drink. He kept on givin' him drinks, the Glasgow man never did that. He's a big fellow, and thought it was manliness. It was business. The Scot couldn't gie' mind to liquors, an business, an' have to worry about losin' his money treatin' back. That was sense, but the other man couldn't. Maybe the virtue becomes a defect once in a great while, but, man, it's a grand philosophy."

"From the same source I have another Lander vet. This is Harry's personal story. Ye'll see what I give away! No one would. There was a steward in New Zealand I had a grand joke with. 'There's your bag, sir,' he said, 'Ay, I said, have you got change o' a pound note at 'a but. Yell ken I thought I had him. 'Oh, aye,' he says, smart as barmy. 'Then ye'll no needin' the bit I was meanin' for to give ye,' I told him, so I had him after all.' Scotty assures me that these are true stories and can vouch with absolute assurance for the next as he overheard the conversation. Two bank notes met on a bank counter. One was crumpled, torn and dirty, the other neat and clean, although issued on the same date. New this is what Scotty heard: 'I've been through the hands o' the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker,' said the former. 'Touche,' the latter managed to keep so calm; 'Oh, I've been on a tour wi' Harry Lander,' was the reply.

Mann had been for many years in the centre of a firm of cutlery manufacturers, and a new colt in a small box decided to cross the border again back to his native hills. The director of the firm, hearing of his impending departure, wrote to him. The managing director, as spokesman, eulogised their old servant: 'You have been a faithful and have been with us many years, and we would like to mark your leaving with a present; so that you will sometimes think of us and will realise that your services were appreciated. Now we are going to ask you to accept this case of cutlery—but not wishing to risk the chance of friendships being jeopardised, we want you to give us a small coin—say a ha penny.' Mann felt his pockets and could find nothing less than a penny. "Perhaps, he said to the directors: 'ye could change it for me?" No lin'pence were available, and poor Mann scratched his head. 'Weel,' he said, addressing himself to the chief, 'we wulna bother—I'll just tak twa cases!"

With so many divorces in modern day resulting from jealousies, it would be well if some of these un-trusting husbands copied the cook who merely said: "Madam, I suspect you!" When he saw the hen with the batch of ducklings. Still, another way better than divorce. A small boy with a new box of paints was daubing everything in the house until his irate parent (his mother, of course), sent him outside. Still on mischief bent, he lifted the broody hen from her nest and minted the eggs different colours. When the cock came along and saw them, he cast a reproachful glance at the hen, flew over the fence, and fought the peacocks next door.

APPRENTICESHIPS WANTED

Many employers have responded nobly to calls on account of unemployed soldiers and we propose now to put a new kind of appeal forward for their consideration. Undergoing various standards of education are many soldier's orphans and every term brings its quota for the employment market; therefore we would request employers to get into touch with the Secretary, Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Board, Repatriation Department, when they require strong, capable young men who can perform the services of an apprentice of junior age.

At the present moment, one youth, who has a tolerably sound secondary education and is still-studying, has attained the age of seventeen; and some difficulty has been experienced in procuring a suitable opening, as the apprenticeship age is past, and as the youth has no qualifications.

If any readers know of an opening for this youth, who is of good character, we should be glad to hear from them. It would suggest that they might communicate with Mr. Garth, Repatriation Department.

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Mann, H.W.

Authorised by Vern L. Fort, Hon. Sec.
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STATE ELECTION—WEST PERTH.

Mrs. E. D. COWAN

Notifies that she is standing for West Perth and asks the electors to record their No 1 votes in her favour on March 22nd, Polling Day.

VOTE:

COWAN, E. D. . . [ ]

Authorised by E. D. COWAN.

"THE DIGGER'S FAIR."
CARNIVAL SQUARE.

Unparalleled enthusiasm is being displayed by all sections of the amusement-loving public in the "Diggers' Fair," which is being conducted under the auspices of the Perth Sub-Branch of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia at that cool riverside resort, Carnival Square.

Among the principal attractions is the Whippet Racing—an innovation from the Goldfields, and many ex-Goldfielders who attended the fair, recalled the palmy days of the Goldfields, when "having a bit on the dogs" was a popular form of sport, which should meet with a full measure of support from both sexes and every section of the community.

The boxing which is being conducted in the new stadium specially constructed by the League for this occasion, and which is capable of accommodating two thousand people, has called forth nightly demonstrations of excitement from followers and non-followers of the "art of biff." This fine stadium has on several occasions been taxed to the limit of its seating capacity.

The famous Cass Mahomet Concert Party is so well-known as to need no further comment as to its excellence is well to the fore in the lighter form of entertainment. "Cass" and his excellent performance does not need any introduction to his digger pals, many of whom have had the pleasure of listening to "Cass's" invariably fine performance while "over there."

Last, but by no means least—particularly from the Returned Soldiers' point of view—is the dear old game of "Housey"; "Legs Eleven," and other games so dear to the heart of the Digger; and the public who have not had the felicity of indulging in these exciting pastimes will have every opportunity of doing so at the "Diggers' Fair." In this connection indulgent relatives will be apprised of the reason of the receipt of cablegrams from the boys while on active service requesting an immediate remittance when going "on leave"; while Diggers will be reminded of the many exciting hours aboard the troopships, which only for these games would have been extremely monotonous.

Excellent and artistic displays have been made by enterprising firms with their goods. This is really the best method of introducing goods to the public, particularly if they be a new form of manufacture.

The dance floor deserves special mention, owing to its excellent condition; and here may be seen youth—and beauty, and occasionally sober middle-age gyrating to the strains of the excellent orchestra, under the able conductorship of Mr. T. Harrison.

In spite of all prognostications to the contrary, "King Jazz"—still reigns supreme; but jazz music as played by Harrison's orchestra is enough to convert the most bitter opponent to this form of tertschiblaep art.

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The balloon race also attracts its large quota of devotees. This form of amusement has been installed at great expense, but owing to the immense popularity of the game the management considers the expense fully justified.

What a Small Investment Can Do.

What must be described as one of the most liberal cash distribution art unions yet organised in Australia is now being conducted by the State branch of the R.S.L. in aid of its general fund. Two hundred thousand tickets at 2/6 each are to be sold and when the Art Union is drawn some person for his investment of 2/6 will be the lucky possessor of £3500. Under the style of drawing to be adopted one ticket might possibly draw £750. After the drawing for each set of prizes the marbles drawn out go back into the barrel, the result being a chance for one number drawing the greatest percentage of the prize money. The State Executive has appointed authorised selling agents in every town and suburb in the State and they have been furnished with large yellow and red posters to this effect. Look for the sign and by patronising your local agent for a ticket help support the League. Get into the habit of buying one or two tickets each pay.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

Mother and child! Though the dividing sea Shall roll its tide between us, we are one.

Knit by immortal memories, and none But feels the throb of ancient fealty.

A century has passed since at thy knee We learnt the speech of freemen, caught the fire That would not brook thy menaces, when siren And grandsire hurled injustice back to thee.

But the full years have wrought equality: They that were outworn, shall not the future bring

A deeper union, from whose life shall spring

Mankind's best hope! In the dark night of strife

Men perish'd for their dream of Liberty. Whose lives were given for this larger life.

—Florence T. Holt.

Legislative Assembly Elections

Claremont Electorate

The endorsed candidate in your electorate is Mr. C. F. J. NORTH, a Returned Soldier

Vote NORTH . . [ ]

Authorised by C. J. Curlewis.
"OUR OWN AUSSIE WOMEN AND OTHERS"

(By "Aussie Girl")

The Not Forgotten League held a Jumble Sale recently to augment their funds. The Secretary has been visiting in company with other leading artists of the Homes and entertaining the patients. Amongst those who have contributed vocal and musical items are Messrs. Herbert Goff, Roland Parsons, E. A. Hughes, P. Camps, Misses Marie Lynch, Gladys Clifton, Gertrude Hardwick, Elsie Bull, Jessie Grant, Messrs. Hughes and Bateman are to be thanked for the loan of their cars.

Women workers are reminded of the General Elections and urged to support only those candidates who are the soldiers' true friends.

There was a good attendance of Women War Workers at the meeting convened to arrange for a State War Memorial and amongst those invited and present were: Mrs. Cowan, Misses Parson, Mrs. Ferguson Stewart, Mrs. C. E. Manning, Mrs. McDonald and Miss Elsie Brickhill. The site chosen was King's Park, the nature of the monument to be decided at a later date.

Anzac Hostel is fortunate in having as its head matron, Tessa Dunn. The Matron is always of a happy disposition and ready to give a cheery word, besides being capable and thorough in her work. She is ably backed by Sisters Bransden, England and Edis.

Miss Marie Lynch is a loyal worker for the sick digger and assists in the Not Forgotten League with her fine singing.

The Collie Women's Auxiliary is a live body and ready to support the sub-branch in all its efforts.

Mrs. Bowling and Mrs. J. McCann are two willing workers for all things whereby the digger is to benefit.

The Earl and Countess of Harrowby will be here shortly. They were friends to the diggers in the Old Land.

Those of us who have been honoured to know the boys of "Edward Milen Home," will learn with great sorrow of the death of one of their comrades, Alex. Lonsdale. "Aussie Girl" was privileged to enjoy a close friendship with this brave digger of the 44th Batt., and was deeply grieved at his death, for not only have the patients at Edward M. lost one of the most faithful of pals, but the world is the poorer for the passing of one who gave his life for his country, and it was with sad hearts that his mates and friends paid their last tribute over the honoured grave of their dear unsoldier and mate. His smiling face will be missed in the days to come, but remembrance is sweet.

All readers of this page will enjoy a walk through Ahern's Ltd., and there are many special autumn goods on show in some of the bargain goods. Everything in this big Emporium speaks of a successful summer season just ended, and a profitable time ahead—both for the proprietors and customers. Summer with its warm days will soon be a thing of the past, and so, one and all we turn our thoughts to the pretty autumn wear—the smart knitted goods and numerous other items that are so dear to the feminine heart. How our eyes sparkle as one by one the beautiful evening frocks are viewed and the charming array of millinery. It should be quite easy for every lady who reads of the delightful articles to be had at Ahern's to be suited in every detail. Don't delay, but visit this large cool place and shop with ease.

KALGOORLIE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

A very successful Leap Year Dance was held at the Soldier's Institute on Friday, the 29th February, and the Kalgoorlie branch of the Woman's Auxiliary League should feel highly pleased with the result. The feature of the evening was the Programme which included a proposal by the gentleman of her choice, every one being accepted. During the evening the ladies challenged the gentlemen to a euchre match, several tables being used. Mr. Tommy Fury was the victor. The success of the evening is due to Mrs. Cowan's Bruce, Colleen Road, Williams and Miss Ada Levy, and their secretary Mrs. Davies. Mr. E. Bruce made a splendid M.C., and kept the ball rolling until 12 o'clock. Miss Alma Royle supplied the music. The secretary Mrs. Davies desires to thank Mr. Moore and the House Committee for the use of the Institute gratis.

THE GREAT OFFENSIVE. AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

Issued by "Aussie Girl"

The great offensive began in the early hours of January 15th, and by 9 a.m. the big attack was launched. The enemy put up a "Counter" Attack, but was beaten back every time. On came the forces determined to win through, and if there had been cautions to the right, canons to the left, and canons thundering all round them, with ammunition ready, nothing could have stopped the advance of this great Army of Aussies and others. The "Three Horse Gang" could tell by the lack of discipline shown as she dashed through the enemies' front line and with a loud cry urged the rest of her Battalion on. On, on they dashed, edging their way through the trenches and under the fire of enemy fences and light and left flanks closing in as they advanced, and with a mighty yell of victory, landed well inside "Poy and Gibsons" for the wonderful sale, with the glorious bargains their eyes had been fixed on.

A Bargain Sale! What a thrill it sends through us all; even mere man has to admit there are marvellous bargains. "Aussie Girl," who is usually impudent for days after Christmas, contented herself by taking a job for the "Counter" attackers, and I think we can laugh at them. As usual, however, they are not to be put off so easily. The "Aussie" girls whispered to one another that they would be surprised if "Gold Diggers" was not among the first to be offered. And so it is. The "Gold Diggers" are in it up to their necks, and have the run of the place, fighting a vigorous battle, as usual. The "Aussie" girls again hope to take their place in the rush for bargains, through the sacrifices they made during 1914-1918 and ever since.

"I find," said little Mr. Mook, "that I do the housework easier and quicker when my wife is not at home to help me."
THE LISTENING POST.
FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1924.

A feature of that production of "The Runaway Girl," recently staged in Perth by the Perth Concert Artists, was the popular song, "The Soldiers in the Park," as ably sung by Mr. Leslie Betts.

The words were written by "Dayflower" Martyn. The appended portion of the song is well worth reprinting, and introduces the correct sentiment. The chorus are, of course, in the R.S.L. Band, which has lately been delighting Perth audiences with its soul-stirring music.

Second Verse—
"Our brave boys in Europe fought and won,
Ta-ra-ra.
Twas a duty that was nobly done,
Ta-ra-ra.
All the girls in Paris cried 'Tres Bon',
Ta-ra-ra.
From the North Sea to the Nile, keeping step in soldiers' style,
Ta-ra-ra.
The band came back with martial music to the City of the Swan,
Ta-ra-ra.
Chorus:
"We'll listen to the band,
And march for the fight,
When love is in the band
And war is far away.
Peace, perfect peace, will shine
When all is dull and dark
And a soldier's crown,
Isn't worth an Aussie-brown.
We'll listen to the Soldiers in the Park."

Third Verse—
"Soon we hope there'll be no world-wide wars,
Ta-ra-ra.
Kindly nations then will clip their claws,
Ta-ra-ra.
When the flag of fight at last is furled,
Ta-ra-ra.
Every nation that sees red, will be smacked and put to bed,
And Britannia will be guardian and watchman of the world,
Ta-ra-ra.
Chorus:
"We're proud of them in Perth,
Stand steadfast to them still,
This section of the Earth
Shall thank the Manikan Bill.
They're shown although we are young,
We bite as well as bark,
And the tunes we used to play
When old Pinko went away
Our soldier handsomeness
"Still play in the park."

THE SOLDIERS IN THE PARK.

Mr. Arthur Penny (State Secretary) writes:

All secretaries of sub-branches are asked to give as much publicity and prominence to this example as is possible to the fact that the recommendation of the Ministry on soldier settlement concerning the appointment of a committee has been given effect to.

The committee has now commenced operations, and has located the Agricultural Bank, Perth. It is comprised of Messrs. Bostock, Hewitt (Government nominees) and A. J. Egan, who has been appointed by the League to watch the soldiers' interests.

In order to submit his case for consideration, the soldier must carefully state in writing the nature of his complaints, and the reasons for same, and set out in full the relief or assistance that he requires, and why he is in need of such assistance, and what help by such help.

The committee will carefully consider every case, and decide if an interview with the applicant or inspection of the property is necessary before making a recommendation.

It is desired that all soldiers who consider they have cause for complaint are now functioning, so that they may avail themselves of this opportunity.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT ENQUIRY COMMITTEE.

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"SO LONG, EGYPT!"
By "First Major" in Kia Ora Cooee.

Wally was one of many "walking" cases, but, unlike most of the others, he was about to appear before the three judges constituted by the High Court of Australia, "sitting" (in camera) in Egypt. In the little room just before him, they awaited his appearance.

Signs of an inward conflict of emotions, now raging—fight to hide them as he walked—appeared in his face. He had, in fact, more strength and the same quiet determination and keenness of features. He had faced them greater and far more dangerous ordeals, and met them unflinchingly, and, in his own calm way—was apparently unaffected. He had grappled, instinctively almost, with the many changes and chances that were his lot, in a manner most fitting each occasion. He stepped into the little room, and was alone with the three judges.

Wally was unafraid; but, for the first time in his career, he was unprepared for the coming ordeal; no amount of "schooling" before-hand could make him feel as if he were prepared for it. He did not notice, his erstwhile comber, who emerged as he entered, otherwise he might have been somewhat easier in his mind.

Sentence was at last pronounced and Wally made his exit. His face showed plainly, that judgment was given in his favour—he was to return Home. His brain cleared a little, and he eagerly addressed the first person he met.

"I say, Digger! When's the next boat going to Anzac?"

"Digger!" said he didn't know, but added, as an afterthought, "The last boat went weeks ago; another is just about due now, I reckon."

That was enough for Wally; without waiting for "Digger!" a smile was on his lips, he hurried off, happy and contented, and became the father of yet another further—not a boy—going to Australia very soon, and (with furphy about this) that he would be on board. This latest little furphy was a vigorous infant; it grew rapidly. A price of 10/- was felt throughout the hospital in no time. Meanwhile, Wally had packed up his troubles, ramped them well down in his oldest kit-bag, and deposited the lot at the dump, forever.

The first stage, perhaps the one most to be feared, on the long journey towards Home was now behind him. Before the second stage was entered upon, weary weeks elapsed. At last, it was whispered that the Q.M.'s Department had instructions to marshal the kits of all "dished out for Australia" patients. The rumor was speedily confirmed; kits were soon given into the hands of all B.F.A. patients. A new, joyous spirit was at once apparent in every ward. There was something intangible, something that bore the name of gaiety, but indefinable. Everybody felt it, for it permeated the hospital, and was pregnant with hope and joy. Most of all this "feeling" reflected in the faces of our sick and wounded pals, who had been patiently waiting for a boat to take them back to their home folk, in Australia.

A scene of bustle and excitement in each ward, fitting on of tunics, leggings, spats, and boots; a smoothing out of plumes. How eagerly the faded color patches were replaced by new ones of the dear old regiment; service chevrons and good conduct stripes were sewn on, too; and here and there you could see one of the boys having his plume fixed on his sleeve, down near the cuff, a neat little gold stripe. In all those activities mates lent a willing hand, so that, uniforms, discarded for weeks, now appeared at their best; and on each man's tunic sleeve might be read his history as a soldier.

The long day faded and, all too soon, "Lights Out" rang clear. The ward was plunged into darkness; the night sisters with silent feet, sped here and there in the gloom. Comparative silence prevailed; but an hour passed ere the last whisper died away; whilst long afterwards the peering closely, discovered many a patient leaving, thinking of Home; and of the morrow, when he would enter upon the third stage of his journey.

Morning dawned. Everybody was up early, and Reveille, for once, could have been dispensed with; perhaps it was unheard in the wards. Breakfast was a hasty meal on this morn of morns. Each patient's label was securely closed and consequently fastened to his tunic. Busy orderly bore 'stretchers' to the boat-side where they were carefully carried on board. "Walking" patients, with their kits, hurried, or were helped, to embark. A scene that became deeply etched on memory. Soon there remained at the quay-side a crowd of patients, sisters, officers, and orderlies, waiting for the boat to cast off—a singularly quiet crowd. As the gangway planks were withdrawn and the "ha'penny, boat!" turned, one could see "Tally ho!" from his thrice-low down, and so... one didn't say anything. But the boys on board gave three cheers as the boat slowly turned, gather on round the far corner, and so was ushered away, and steamed out of the basin, to view again our vision, almost before the echoes of farewell had faded into silence. But our thoughts sped overseas to the land where the boat would go—Australia.
Visitors at Geraldton, and especially returned soldiers, will always find a friend in Geo. Houston, who at present runs the St. Vincent's Hostel in that city. He is not one to retreat from his work, and he indeed offers his services in many of the departments which he has been so useful in Government auditors.

Another member of the staff of digger fame, is the keen, but somewhat unusual, in Government auditors. Mat Harper. During the latter end of last month he enjoyed fishing and bathing at Geraldton, it being his annual vacation.

Bunbury claimed the long leave of Les Longson and much to his joy of returning to the yoke of routine once more. This ex-fifty-first is quite the reverse of lazy—but Bunbury was hard to leave.

As will be seen by advertisement in this column, Mr. MacCallum Smith, the sitting member for North Perth, is a de-elect. Our readers will we feel sure, agree with us when we say that, during the nine years that Mr. Smith has represented North Perth, he has consistently worked in the interests of his constituents. The members feeling that he has done, both for a better tram service, coupled with cheaper fares, and a better water supply for the residents of North Perth, will appeal to all. As a soldiers friend, Mr. Smith has at all times, both in and out of Parliament, proved himself to be one of the best, and we trust that those of our readers who reside in the North Perth electorate will take the like things into consideration on polling day.

Among the many returned soldiers at present wooing the electors is Mr. C. F. J. North. Mr. North was educated at the Perth High School, bushing off at Oxford school, and is still practicing as a solicitor in Perth. He held the rank of Captain in the Royal Air Force and served with distinction in France. Although only 36 years of age, he has been Mayor of Coolgardie twice for the past two years, and was mainly responsible for the recent reduction in the price of electric current for his suburb of one penny per unit.

The Earl and Countess of Harrowby, and Lady Frances Ryder, who have recently been the guests of their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Forster, are due to arrive in Perth on the 19th instant. Lord and Lady Harrowby accorded generous and warm-hearted treatment to Australian soldiers on leave in England, and it is the intention of the State Secretary to Geraldton, G.H. offered the hospitality of his establishment, and no better evidence can be found of the interest the digger takes in his own organisation.

Mr. A. C. Fielding is a returned soldier who is going to take a live interest in the affairs of the returned man in the Geraldton district. Himself a "digger" he realises the necessity for an organisation to look after the interests of soldiers when they put personal thoughts aside and faced the big stuff. He is of opinion in his weight with the Geraldton sub-branch, and with a few stalwarts such as he there is no reason for fear for the future.

Carl Bader and Ted Hancock, with their willing hand of artists, seem to be on the move visiting hospitals and soldier institutions, and cheering the patients with song and wit. Their efforts have recently been extended to include institutions other than the reserved for diggers, but more help is required, more artists, more reading matter, and more motors for transport, so if any of our readers desire to assist in these splendid endeavours, they are advised to ring Mr. Bader, (A. 1906).

The many friends of Colonel Fitzgerald will be pleased to hear that he soon recovers from the effects of his accident which befell him at Dalwallinu recently. A fractured jaw, as a rule, entails practical solitude for at least three weeks, but in Fitz's case only half that time was absorbed, when he eventually returned to his work as Agricultural Inspector at Dalwallinu. It is men of the calibre of Fitz whom the residents of new developing districts are fortunate in having in their midst. He has a sense of public duty, is popular, enthusiastic, and energetic.

Regaining health in the capital city is Mr. H. R. Keesing, of far away Marble Bar. Ross Harvey, a sportsman enthusiast, being the President of the Pilbara sub-branch, which is the most widely scattered sub-branch in the Commonwealth.

Colonel L. E. Illey, the soldiers' representative on the Repatriation Commission, has fully earned the confidence that the returned soldier placed in him. By his actions he has been responsible for much of the sympathy which previously existed against the Commission and its members. The Colonel was paid a compliment by the W.A. State branch of the League recently, in the representation of the State at a special Federal Executive meeting, to be held on March 19th, which request he acceded to.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE?
(By Paleface).

The fact that America is crying "full house?" to would-be immigrants is a subject for deep rumination, especially as it occurs at a time when Australia is crying "Come to Australia at our expense." The balance is out. Think of America; its systems induce population to strive for admittance. The labor conditions are such that the good men have scope for their energy and ability and their employers urge them to their utmost—produce more, do more and we will pay you more. In Australia the man who is a good man and is anxious to graft hard, whether with brains or hands, has no encouragement to exercise his mental ability and should he toil his best manually, he is called to book. Can you wonder that these conditions which encourage idleness, and discourage conscientious application of brain power, leave Australia with an almost stagnant census record? Throughout the Empire the same tendency exists to a greater or lesser degree, and whereas, heretofore, England was the Supreme in Commerce as well as Mistress of the Main, we find her woolen mills and her cotton looms working at low pressure; so much so, in fact, that there are scores of them quite idle.

Here again is another phase of the business to be considered—America of to-day is a growing manufacturing nation, her system is to encourage the maximum output of each laboring unit and thus she has acquired that manual energy which formerly applied itself to the machines in England. America has fearlessly "no surplus cotton," she is one of the greatest enthusiasts in our woolen sales and the reason is that she is able to absorb this raw material because she holds out on progressive men. It will be pointed out by many that England is still buying our wool. Yes, but how much goes to her own machines and how much finds its way across to the mainland of Europe?

We are often deceived by press reports and frequently it happens that advocates for certain policies regarding secondary industries, quote figures of exports and imports which show much greater is the latter than the former. Recently a Melbourne contemporary cited statistics showing that in four months some hundreds of thousands sterling were expended in importation in excess of exportation. This is wholly misleading as the period in question was the off season before the wheat was stripped or the wool was shorn.

It is not my purpose to say that production in Australia is satisfactory, on the contrary I would urge production and primary production at that—first and last. We have here in Australia scope for abundant production, we can attempt to supply the wants of countless customers, we can afford to let them manufacture for many years, in fact until that stage is attained when the supply nearly equals the demand. After that we need to continue our attention to secondary industries and in such a way as to foster such industries, and not as at present, where a man gets certain hire whether he lends or does just as much as his union permits him.

In Australia, and worse still in this State, a man picked up an Eastern State Agency at 5 per cent commission. The business 'was dead, the man was alive and soon his sales brought him in much more than an ordinary employee's wage—the firm wrote to him and said it could no longer afford 5 per cent and that 3½ per cent would be the future rate of commission. Having nothing else in view the agent kept going, and still prospered, but is now reduced to 1½ per cent commission!

That is the spirit which is encouraged in the capitalist when he is confronted by the concerted opposition of unionists—introduce a system where room exists for universal encouragement of labour's best endeavours and you will prompt the reciprocal treatment from employers—keep the curb on the worker and the employer will find the bit. Above all do not raise the same excuse that Australia fails to acquire population because only a crowd draws a crowd or you may be asked how the crowd first got there or "which came first the egg or the hen." Think it over.

Mr. ARTHUR PENNY, W.A. State Secretary, R.S.L.

Doing His Duty.
The play at the local theatre was drawing to a close. One actor about to go on suddenly fainted. Owing to this a scene-changer was sent up at the last moment to say the line. He delivered it, although his pronunciation was hardly up to the standard of modern high-born drama.

It sounded something like this:
"The piece 'ave discovered everything me lord, and are at the gate?"
"Tis false, knave, false!" replied the villain, as per the book of the play.
"Oh, oh right, guv'nor!" exclaimed the indignant scene-changer. "Oh right! Go and ask the bloomin' stage-manager yourself! 'E told me to say it."

Hard Up!

They had spent the day in a cold, driving rain, fishing. But they were returning with empty baskets and tried tempers. As they entered the village a large dog ran at them, barking furiously. One of the fishermen kicked it away carelessly. "Aren't you afraid he'll go for you if you do that?" asked his friend.

His companion looked sadly and sorrowfully into his face. 
"I wish he would," was the other's reply. "I'd chance almost anything to be able to go home and say I'd had a bite,"
The "Wingies and Stumpies" Gazette
Being a chronicle of the doings of the Returned Maimed and Limbless Men's Association of W.A.

WINGIES AND STUMPIES HOSTEL.

The official opening of the Hostel by His Excellency, the Governor, on April 5th next, has been arranged and members are invited to attend. A number of invitations have been sent to guests approved by the State Executive and members may extend this courtesy to a friend also. Afternoon tea will be provided and the R.S.L. Band will be in attendance.

The bold brass plate which hangs on the front gate of the hostel is a cheerful a sign to the hungry members at mid-day as ever was the "Dragon" of Martin Chazzlewit fame even, in the hey-day of its youth. Last month's statistics show that over a thousand aching voids have been cured and the praise is so unanimous that the quality of fare cannot be called into question by the most fastidious.

Wingies and Stumpies are the exceptions which go to prove Shakespeare's rule concerning the ingratitude of man. So overcharged are they with grateful feelings for the splendid help received that the writer desairs of adequately expressing the Association's thanks to W.A. Turf Club for £154 10s. d. (to assist in furnishing the Hostel), to the W.A. Trotting Association for half of the proceeds from the 23rd February meeting and to Mr. Geo. Davey, of Mundijong, for his kind donation of poultry. Mr. F. W. Jacoby has earned the lasting gratitude of this organisation for donating his Cadillac car as a source of revenue. It has been decided to raffle the car at Carnival Square in November next.

The interest in the Billiard and Table Tennis tournaments is high and with the progress of the competition will become more acute.

"Tobacco and smokes of different kinds can now be obtained on the premises."

KIOSK.

The Kiosk which was moated and which would have been a golden opportunity for a number of unemployed maimed men to earn a livelihood, can no longer be regarded as a possible avenue for relief, as the City Council has definitely refused permission for the building to be erected. The unemployment question is so acute that the City Council's action is distressing in the extreme; yet the appreciation of Mr. Coome's splendid offer is one of Mr. Coome's splendid offer is none.

"GREAT AUSTRAL ART UNION.

Notwithstanding frequent public denials by Officials of the Association and through the press, of any connection whatsoever with the Great Austral Art Union which is being conducted by Mr. C. Drysdale, of Sydney, it is found necessary to reiterate that the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association of this State is entirely disassociated with the Art Union.

AQUATICS.
The swimming enthusiasts of the Wingies and Stumpies have requested the Secretary to place on record their appreciation of the assistance received from the Swimming Clubs in connection with competitions and for trophies.

DIGGER MOCASIN COY.
The stock and plant of the Digger Moccasin Coy has been purchased by the Association and the late owners have kindly agreed to initiate any interested members in this useful craft. The vendors are Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and they have already given practical assurance of their good will by instructing some members in suede work.

PERSONALITIES.

School teacher Robertson is in hospital. The members extend their sincere sympathy to "Robbie" and hope that he may have a speedy recovery.

Everyone knows "Mac" so there need be no surprised faces when it is reported that he has proceeded as a "nipper" to one of the construction gangs on the Narooma-Merredin line. Good luck, Mac.

To the call of the bush J. Egan departed after a short stay in town. During his sojourn Jack boarded at the hostel and his cheery presence will be much missed in consequence.

On an electioneering campaign for Mr. Richardson, of Subiaco, Tom Oldfield is a busy man.

Percy Mann will be missed at the Hostel, for in the first stages of settling down Springfield, his assistance was invaluable. He has proceeded to take up his abode in Stirling Street.

The two Repat, Wingies, Springett and Corbett have both recovered from their operations at the Perth Hospital, the former is in harness and the latter is convalescing.

"There is nothing the matter, madam; you only need rest."

"Now doctor, just look at my tongue; just look at it; look at it now. Say, what does it mean."

"I think," replied the doctor, "that needs rest too."

Young Engley married the charming Olive, and after the wedding breakfast good time. He stepped up to the young fellow with the idea of cheering him up.

"Er—have you kissed the bride?" he asked.

"Not lately," replied the gloomy one, with a wafay expression.

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London and Copenhagen (Denmark) will this year respectively witness the biggest gathering of boys in history. From the farthest flung dominions of Britain and the smallest colonies and protectorates contingents of Boy Scouts will gather at Wembley, London, in August next, to be reviewed by the King and the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell. In the great stadium at the Exhibition the boys will astound 100,000 spectators daily with exhibitions of scout-craft and handiwork, followed by historical pages, typical of the various nations composing the Empire. The whole affair will be a revelation to a wondering public which must conclude that these boys are about there is hope for a weary and disrupted world. Following the Imperial Rally most of the Overseas scouts and a fair number of English, Scottish and Irish lads will proceed to Denmark, there to meet their brother Scouts from America, China, Japan, the South American Republics, and many other countries, and a conference of Scoutmasters will follow both the Imperial and International Rallies. Such conferences must ultimately be of great value in promoting the peace of the world. Many people think the movement is anti-military, while its leaders claim it is non-military, and therein lies the difference. When the time comes Scouts make good soldiers as was proved in the recent upheaval, but they never provoke war.

W.A. will furnish its quota of 10 boys to both of the above events and it is up to every citizen to manifest an intelligent interest in the doings and travels of their representatives.

We profess to no small admiration for this great boy movement which develops good citizenship among the rising generation. We have never seen a Boy Scout acting the silly-farrier.

A principal impression produced by Scouting is that General Baden-Powell has made usefulness romantic. Usefulness as usefulness, in its unadorned utilitarian aspect, is not attractive to the human boy. It was easy, no doubt, to get him to march and counter-march to the sound of the pipe and drum, to play the Indian brave, to wriggle through the bracken after a wily foe, to make a camp fire, to blow a bugle, to eat his dinner out of a tin in a field instead of round the dinner table at home. And for the sake of all these delights he would contentedly put up with a little discipline. But it was another matter to make him see any glory in mending boots or washing a shirt, or in any one of the ordinary useful jobs of the handyman. There are boys of course—many of them—who would like nothing better than to mend a pair of boots, whitewash a ceiling or even cook an Irish stew if they could do these things in their own way without the tiresome supervision of anxious boys love adventure, they have no particular love or being useful; hence it is no doubt an estimable thing, but despite the example of blameless little boys in books, the real boy does not delight in it as such. Duty is a splendid thing, but even grown-ups frequently have to call it by some other name to make it attractive. Scouting makes the boy enjoy doing his duty provided it is presented to him in the form of a genuine, exciting career. An Irish stew might be a mighty adventure under the right conditions, and anyone with half-an-ounce of imagination can picture the ecstasy of the whitewashing.

No Use for Them.

An affable agent approached a Canadian farmer. "Sir," said he, "these are mighty fine boys of yours."
"The finest ever, stranger. The finest in this part of the world."
"I reckon you buy them anything they want."
"Why, sure, stranger; I buy them anything they need, whether they want it or not."
"Then, sir, let me sell you an encyclopaedia for them. There's nothing else that will benefit them so much."

The farmer looked at the agent in astonishment. "Why, stranger," said he, "them boys of mine don't need no encyclopaedias. They ride horses."
"I had a dreadful fall last night."
"Tell me of it, Egbert."
"My wife was talking; I hung on every word, and then, and then—"
"Yes, yes, and then?
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