

Melton market on Saturday, 6th Dec., when the usual lines of stock, &c., will be submitted by Messrs. Macarthur & McLeod.

Grand concert at Melton Mechanics' hall on Friday evening next, 5th Dec., when a programme will be rendered by city artists. The proceeds will go towards the Melton School plantation.

Concert in Melton Mechanics' hall on Wednesday, 17th Dec., in aid of hall funds. The programme will be supplied by the present and past pupils of Miss Ross. A dance will follow.

A pony race meeting, in aid of the Victorian Hall, Melton South, will be held on the Bacchus Marsh racecourse on December 12th.

Ball at Toolern Vale on Friday, 12th Dec., in aid of Children's Hospital, as advertised.

Melton South Sunday school anniversary in Victoria hall on Sunday, 10th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Mr. E. C. Burden. All invited to attend.

The annual dance, in aid of the Melton Mechanics' hall, will be held on Boxing night, 26th Dec. See advt.

Angling Competition.—There will be a great gathering of fishermen at Exford weir this Saturday afternoon, 29th inst., when Hartley's Championship meeting will be staged there. A special train will run from Melbourne leaving there at 2.5 p.m., arriving at the 25th mile post (near the weir) at 3.10 p.m. The train will leave this spot on return at 7.15, arriving back in the city at 8.22 p.m. Besides this train, a large number may be expected to arrive at the reservoir per car, &c. Some hundreds of anglers, including ladies, are expected.

Beware of Snakes.—According to reports of those who have encountered snakes, these unwelcome reptiles are more numerous this year in the Melton district than usual.

Harvest Time.—Stooks of hay greet the eye on all sides in the Melton district, where harvesting is now in full swing. The crops have turned out well, but farmers find the ruling prices barely payable. The weather has not been very suitable for harvesting. Rain, to the extent of 47 points, fell early on Monday morning.

Low Prices.—A member of the Melton Shire Council stated at the last meeting that some farmers were selling their hay at 20/ and 25/ per ton.

Railway Economies.—The goods train that has run early in the past from Bacchus Marsh to Melbourne, has been curtailed to run only three days a week—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This leaves the farmers, particularly those of Bacchus Marsh, with no means of getting their stock to the fat and store cattle markets, unless road transport is resorted to.

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Shire Rate.—The Melton Council decided on Wednesday last to levy a general rate of 1/9 and 3d. extra rate—same as last year. Cr. Knox put up a great fight against the extra 3d, as he considered the ratepayers were "up against it" in many other ways. It is bad finance to pay away so much in interest on bank overdrafts, or loans, and all Shire Councils should endeavor to meet their liabilities each year, and not allow them to accumulate over a series of years, because "the day of reckoning" must come—just as it has come in the present world-wide financial stringency.

Inspector's Visit.—Mr. A. J. Law, M.A., Inspector of schools, visited Melton State school on Tuesday, and the Melton South and Melton Park schools on Wednesday. Candidates sat for the annual examinations for Merit and Qualifying Certificates on Friday. Result will be announced later.

Melton Railway Tennis Club held its annual meeting when Mr. P. Missen was elected President; Mr. E. J. Greig vice-President; Mr. R. H. Arthur, Hon. Secretary; Mr. Wallace, Assistant Secretary; Mr. H. Clarke Treasurer. It was agreed to join the district Tennis Association.

Mr. Don. McQueen announces that he can give prompt attention to any kind of motor car at his Service Station, next door to the Golden Fleece hotel, Melton. Mr. McQueen has had a long experience in the motor trade in the city, and guarantees to give satisfaction. See advt.

School Teacher Injured.—On Sunday afternoon last, Mr. Geo. Redfern, Head Teacher of the Exford State School, met with an accident whilst riding his motorcycle in company with other local motorcyclists along the Exford road. Near the Melton South school his machine got out of control, skidded on the gravel road surface and crashed. The rider was conveyed in a semi-conscious condition to Bacchus Marsh, where he was found to have a broken thumb and extensive abrasions on his face, arms, &c. After remaining in a private hospital for a day, he was able to leave for his home in Newmarket, but it will be some time before he will be able to resume teaching. Some Exford pupils attended Melton South school during the week, so as not to lose their tuition.

Minties To The Rescue!—A motorist (who has some association with Melton) writes: On the Hotham Heights, 6000 feet up, a car had the bad luck to bump its petrol tank on a rock, and out flowed the liquid power! Things looked blue, nothing to save the situation until someone thought of our packet of minties. One chewed them soft, another kneaded them into the cracks, and then, covered with adhesive tape as a protection, the tank did its job, and the car finished on time at Omeo. Here the owner's faith was

Omeo. Here the owner's faith was lacking, and he substituted solder; but at Bruthen the solder broke down, and the minties, which had since been installed as part of the necessary repair kit, came to the rescue once more! This time they were softened by the radiator, and the little car came romping home to Melbourne on Minties!

The annual concert, by the pupils of Miss Ross, in aid of the Melton Mechanics' Institute, will be held on Wednesday, 17th Dec.

Concert at Melton on Friday, 5th Dec., in aid of State School funds. The programme will be provided by visiting artists. A dance will follow. Tickets are now on sale.

Optician's Visit.—Mr. S. B. Abotomey, the well-known optician, will visit Bacchus Marsh on Monday, 8th December. See advt. on page 1.