## NEWS AND NOTES. CXXXVIII.

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THE additional news since Thursday is not such as is likely to interest you in any very great degree. One of the latest "items" is a turn-up between a thief and a mailman, in which the latter showed somewhat less of sympathy for his enterprising antagonist than was exhibited in the fanous mail rob-

Dery at Gowper's Plains given few years ago.

On Monday last (says the 'Empires' correspondent at Marrgundi) as the Breezes mailman was conveying the smail bags from this place across Liverpool Plains, he was suddenly called upon to stand and deliver, by a man who, at the same time, enforced his request by presenting what appeared to be a loaded gun at his head. The mailman, nable to withstand so peransiste an argument, immediately dismounted, and prepared to deliver up his charge. Being, however, a bit of a physiognomist in his way, he tooks a sly glance at the robber's fase, and came to the conclusion that he looked rather a soft sort of person to commit a deliberate murder for the sake of a few paliry letters. He therefore determined to have a fight for his mail bags; and, while pretending to unloosen them, underly sprang upon his assailant, and disarmed him of his weapon. This he presented at the robber, who was now 'hors de combut,' but to his astonishment, that worthy bold him to hiszaway, as there was nothing in the gun. Our gallant mailman thereupon threw the piece away, and proceeded to administer a few hearty kicks to the 'western side' (as the Yankees call it) of his prostrate his, who, in the struggle, managed to feet clear and escape. It is a pity that information was not immediately sent to the police here, as there might have been a chance of securing the ruffian before he had time to get to some of his avourtle haunts. Hitherto this idee of the country has been pretty free from the depredictions of such present; but from this attempt, and a few other intance, elserthe miscreants managed to securitely fluid to the best present and the security of the present is the form the strength and a few other intance, elserthe miscreants managed to securitely fluid to the present subtroate the miscreants managed to securitely fluid to the present subtroate the managed to secure the present subtroate the managed to secure the managed to secure the substrate of the present subtroate the present subtroate the

the Robecca, with a crew of twelve men, well armed, and hopes to recover the captives.

Mr. Lucas has obtained the sanction of a committee of the whole House for the introduction of a Bill to regulate Chinese immigration. Something of the kind seems very necessary, as matters at Lambing Flat are assuming a serious aspect. The digreers have assuming a serious aspect. The diggers have threatened the Commissioner that if the

threatened the Commissioner that if the Chinese are allowed to return, they will muster in force to the number of five thousand, and drive them away again.

We are in hourly expectation of an announcement of the arrival of the Jeddo at King George's Sound, with the December mails. It is not improbable that our new Governor-General will be on board, and there is strong reason to believe that Sir Alfred Stephen will be a passenger. The latter has melancholy tidings to hear on his arrival. Miss Stephen, his oldest unmarried daughter, died a few days ago, and within a few hours afterwards Lady Stephen's mother, Mrs. Belford, followed her grand-daughter to the long home.

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A Goulburn paper gives the following report of a murler in that neighborhood:—
In our last we noticed that the dead body of a man had been found near Wollogoraug, by Mr. Henry Stuckey. An inquest was held on the remains on Saturday. From the evidence abduced there seems every reason to believe that the remains were those of a man filamed Thomas Randall, formerly a servant in the employ of Mr. John W. Chisbolin, and that he met his death by violence. Who was the perpetrator, and what his object, is a mystery, to the clucidation of which we have not at present the slightest clue. The following is the whole of the evidence adduced:—Mr. Henry Stuckey being duly sworn, said: I reside at Wollogoraug. I have seen the body on which this inquest is now sitting. On yesterday afternoon, while returning from Goulburn towards Wollogoraug, and distant about a hundred yards from it, and there saw the body lying. The body is in the same position as when I saw it yesterday. Beside the body there were a quart and pint pot, and also a hundle, which the policeman removed.—Henry Pressott deposed: I saw it yesterday. Beside the body there were a quart and pint pot, and also a hundle, which the policeman removed.—Henry Pressott deposed: I sam a laborer in the employ of Mr. John Chisholin. I examined deceased that and his teeth, and have taken notice of the length of the body. I have also seen his hat now found near to him, and in his position a kinde which I know. I also saw in the bundle, which seed to be usualled to be believe the deceased the bedieve the deceased to be usualled the to believe the deceased to be the length of the body. I have also seen his hat now found near to him, and in his position a knife which I know. I also saw in the bundle, subrice. It leads not believe the deceased to be believe the deceased to be the seen to be levely to the deceased to be the seen to be deceased.

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My short chronicle ends here. It is raining like fury, and with every prospect of a continuance throughout the night.

Saturday afternoon,

9th February.

story's should be got up having for its basis as alleged difference between Mr. Cowper and Mr. Arnold. I merely mention the rumour, as a thing current for the time.

In the absence of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Henry Parkes has been riding the high horse to most assistance on the part of reasurer succeeded in passing his bills to increase the dutties on rum and other spirits, and to gradually abolish the tea duties, it was only after repeated divisions, and to gradually abolish the tea duties, it was only after repeated divisions, and the most obstinate resistance on the part of Parkes, a twerty stage. So greatly, however, and the opposition fall off towards the close, the opposition fall off towards the close, the opposition fall off towards the close, the state of the common plains that, whereas it was hurried through that House, it was allowed a week for one sideration in the Council, and he last night brought this forward as a question of privilege. The fact is, however, that the Government probably considered themselves quite safe when they obtained the sanction of the representative members to their Taxation Bill, and didn't care much about the nomines. Besides, what had Mr. Parke or anybody else in the Assembly to do with the proceedings in the Upper House? It was on this point, indeed, that the Speaker reflessed to entertain the question.

We have once more got through the Loand Alienation Bill, to the 6th clause, where we stick at present. It has been thus far deided, by the defeat of an amendment proposed by Mr. Botton, that free alection share and the state of the whoel House for the matter, however, brought Mr. Robertson was charged with a second to the property admired and whale Mr. Robertson was charged with the guarties of the whoel height with the most with the squatter of the charge. He had done no more harm than consulting with the friends and by the matters of the whoel height with the result of the whoel height with the result of the whole House for the introduction of a Bill to regulate the second of choice of monied or conservative representa-tives, in many cases the Dives who has a personal motive to serve by going into par-liament; and it too often happens that country constituencies might as well be unrepresented altogether as send into parlia-ment the class of candidates who usually come before them.

It is therefore in every way advisable that

the Upper Murray should unite with the Lower Murray in this separation movement. But let not our Deniliquin friends suppose that the maintenance of squatting monopoly would be achieved by such a step. Hydra headed democracy would spring up just the same as it has sprung up in Queensland, and in accordance with the true spirit of civilisation, the squatter's herds would have to give way to the plough of the husband man, just as the aboriginal was compelled to give up his hunting grounds when the squatter was ready to turn the land to a more profitable use. If the Upper Murray is to be included within the bounds of the proposed new colony, we must have a full recognition of the equality of all—we must have no bargaining as to the extension of any privileges to a class. We must start with the ballot and manhood suffrage, and we must leave all the rest to be dealt with

we must leave all the rest to be dealt with by a parliament elected under these conditions. It is not in the power of mankind to check the progress of democracy; and the "levelling of all distinctions," so deplored by our pastoral contemporary, is the very thing we ought to be proud of.

Such are the views we take of the separation question in its present aspect, and we may conclude by remarking that inasmuch as Robertson's land bill does not provide for the extension of free selection to the unsettled districts, it is imperatively necessary, if the Southern district is to remain an integral portion of N. S. Wales, that a belt of country, 40 or 50 miles wide, between Albury and Yass, should be prodaimed "settled." If this be not done, the land bill will he nothing but a mockery—nay, a positive injustice. It will make the Murrambidgee district a tabooed territory; with free selection on the Sydney side of it, and free selection or the Sydney side of it, and free selection or the Melbourne side. If the

Attention has been drawn by Mr. W. S. Macreay to a very important fact bearing upon this question, that the temperature of the sea where these rivers enter it as important as that of the rivers themselves, inasmuch as if this is too warm, the fish will proceed southward until they reach waters of the necessary temperature.

PERIASES Houses for New Zealass,—We have been visited lately by some military gentlemen, in quest of horses for New Zealand. They passed through Kiama last week, and returned again on Monday from Shoahaven, where they purchased seven or eight horses, from different parties, at prices at or approaching £20 each,—Khama Ex-aminer, Feb. 5.

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But MERTEN,—Another bee mecting (says the Mercury) was held on the Racecourse, East Maitland, on Thursday. It was not so numerously attended as on former occasions, only some twenty persons being at work about one o'clock. One team of bullocks was on the ground, engaged la drawing out stumps and dragging away dead timber. A great deal of work has been got through at the various meetings, and a considerable space of ground has been cleared and stumped. A quantity of posts are also lying on the ground, ready for fencing.

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A BENEVOLENT HARDSHESSER.—A hairdresser named Tortoni, who has been residing at Singleton, being about to remove, advertises that, for one day, previous to his departure, he will cut hair and shampoo all who may favor him, with a call, and that the proceeds will be handed over to the Singleton Benevolent Institution,—ever verses, exhorting the public to come forward liberally and be shampoosed in the interests of charity and suffering harmandy, accompanying the formal procade amounterments.—'Goulburn Herald!'

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mers.—' Goulburn Herald.' Sale or V alganic Docs.—It has long been known Sale or Valeang Doss.—It has long been known that well-bred dogs of the kangaroo and greyhound species realise very high prices in the India market, while fabulous amounts are even now poid in Callfornia for the breed known as the Australian sheep dog. As far as we are aware, however, no regular speculation for the breeding and export of these animals has been commenced in the odony, though it is evident handsome returns could be realised by

anyone entering upon such a branch of fensiness. This is sufficiently proved by the result of a sale which took place on Saturday, at the Mart of Mr. Waller Bradley, in George-street, when several due dogs were submitted to competition, and sold at the following prices, viz.—A bloodhound pup. £4 10s.; Newfoundland dog. £3 10s.; terrier, £3 43s.; small black and tan ditto, £3; terrier cup. £2 15s. ditto, £2 5s. Several others were disposed of at corresponding rates. The result of this novel sale may possibly stimulate some enterprising individuals to turn dog-breeding to a profitable account. It is no uncommon thang for gentlemen proceeding to India to pay as much as £5 and £10 for dogs of the kangaroo breed, which often realise in the Presidencies from 150 to 205 rupees each.

Thomas Woods and James Turner lave been sentenced by the police magistrate at Denliquin

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We have papers from Melbourne to the 1st instant and telegrams to the 9th. On the 29th ultimo, a most damaging attack on the Ministry appeared in the 'Argas, of which the following is the gist:—The Munisterial sobeme of taxation has been rejected, add with it goes the whole Ministerial finance. The House has decided, almost unanimously, that the Government knows nothing of the state of the country, and that the whole basis of its policy is wrong; and more than wrong—that it is injurious to the colony and damaging to its credit. Yet the Government still lives by that elasticity which it derived from its birth—having no principle when it came in, it cannot be convicted of having lost any.

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On the same night the Ministry were defeated on the Estimates. An amendment was proposed by Mr. Wilkle, seconded by Dr. Evans, and amended by Mr. O'Shanassy, "That the Estimates be sent back to the recast, and that the expenditure be limited to the estimated revenue from present sources, namely, £3,000,000." On the division there were:

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On the following day (Wednesday) it was announced in the Assembly that the Ministry had tendered their resignation which had been accepted; no further explanation was afforded to the House. After voting the supplies for two months the House atjourned for a week.

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The Governor sent for Mr. O'Shanassy, and afterwards that gentleman consulted Mr. Haines, and a report was current that with Messrs. Enden, M'Calloch and Ireland, they intended to undertake the government, but it afterwards transpired that the parties so widely differed, that coalition was almost impossible. In this dilemma his Eccellency sent for Mr. Michie, and entrusted to him the task of endeavoring to smooth down difficulties towards the return to power of the Heales Cabinet. The 'Argus' protested against the course taken by the Governor. After this, Mr. Haines and Mr. Enden both had interviews, but nothing resulted from

hay on the 22Ms, brings a rare and valuable collec-tion of birds, selected by Mr. Edward Wilson, for Vistoria. They consist of 2 pairs of white swars, 3 pairs of Canadian geese, 3 pairs of China geese, 3 pairs of Egyptian geese, 3 pairs of barnacle geese, 5 curropeans, 6 pairs of golden and 6 pairs of silver pheasants, 2 common pheasants (presented by the Duke of Newcastle), 2 wildgeons, 9 shell ducks, 8 ortolans, 19 wild ducks, 7 call ducks, 6 Carolina ducks, 2 trent geese, 2 white-fronted geese, and 10 turtle-doves. They are all in splendifi-condition, showing that the greatest care and at-tention have been paid them during the passage. As a proof of their health, Mr. Lacy, (who has charge of the consignment) has six silver pheasant eggs and three China goose eggs, which were laid some few days before the ship reached port. The mortality, however was great, about 100 of the birds, out of 239 put on board, having died during the unusually protracted voyage. It has been greatest amongst the widgeons, teal, pintalis, and ortolans. An address from the A. I. O. of Odd Fellows in Mr. An address from the A. I. O. of Odd Fellows in

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An address from the A. I. O. of Old Fellows in Tasmania was presented to Sir William Denison, on board the steamer Behar, just as she was leaving Hobson's Cay, on Saturday morning. He appeared highly gratified by the sentiments expressed by his Tasmanian Friends.

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A Temperate Bagaar has been held in the Exhibition Building which realised something like £700.

A contract has been taken by Mr. George Holmes for the completion of the Brighton Railway, from its present terminus, near the Devonshire Hotel, down to the Boyal Hotel on the beach, a distance of about two miles. The amount of the contract, which is to be finished in six months, is £25,000, £18,000 of which is to be paid in cash, and £7000 in the company's debentures.

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Alfred Arnold had been committed for trial at Geelong, for the alleged murder of his wife, by beating her. Three of the coroner's jury dissented from the verdict.

The 'Herald' says it is a subject of conversation in well-informed circles that the Hon. Matthew Hervey is to be the beaun tenens of Sir James Palmer, in the Presidency of the Legislative Comeil, during the worthy knight's adjourn in England,
The Victoria Turf Subscription Room was opened on Monday evening; but although the attendances was above the average, business was not brisk. The Geolong events were those chiefly touched upon. The Colonel and Defence were backed at 7, 4 for 1 each for the Free Handieap. The Colonel was also backed at 6 to 4 for the Squatter's Handicap; for the same race, offers to take 3 to 1 about Yorkshiremas were not responded to. Nothing was done upon the Great Geelong Handieap, 5 to 1 being the best offer, and 8 to 1 the lowest price backers were disposed to take; the selected one would have been darker Grey. For the Two Thousand Guineas, the Flying Jib was backed at 10 to 1, and two two-year-olds—Eaglehawk and Esgle's Flume—at 500 to 10 to 10

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the Southern Province, in place of Mr. W. J. T. Clarke, resigned.

The "Age of the 26th says."—A parliamentary reductive for the 26th says."—A parliamentary reductive for the 26th says. The "Balliamentary reductive for the 26th says."—A parliamentary reductive for the close of 1800, 3,996,854 acres were sold, and 50,000,000 acres remain unsurveyed. The total quantity of land surveyed for sale daring 1865, was 630,975 acres, and of this (survey of 1860) told agrees were sold. The quantity of land surveyed for sole the purposes than sale, including 58,000 acres for pre-empiries sections, was 123,750 acres. The cotal quantity surveyed was 754,651 acres. The extend to town, schurchan, and country lands sold from the 1st of January to the 31st of October, 1860, was 42,758 acres, and the amount realised was 26,850. The approximate area sold fowing is a summary of number of acres proposed to be surveyed prior to October 1861 (expenses chargeable against vote for 1861)—Gipps Land district, 133,600 acres; Beechworth, 60,000 clitto; Castlemaine, 22,000 ditto; Araraf, 55,200 ditto; Araraf, 55,000 ditto; Grandiard, 36,400 ditto; Castlemaine, 22,000 ditto; Fortland, 112,000 ditto; Castlemaine, 22,000 ditto; Portland, 112,000 ditto; Castlemaine, 22,000 ditto; Charles and the surveyed for any of the Themis, from London, a plantid sample of Talavera wheat, in ear, grown on Mr. Vangiant's farm at Spring Bank, Mount Rowan, Each heost averaged 112 grains, and the calculated that the yield of this wheat will of which is fully equal to the ample.

Sir James Palmer, President of the Legislative Council, so long and so honorably associated with the Parliment of Victoria, is about to visit England for the sake of health.

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