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MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/574, 02/01/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Friday an inquest was held before J.S. PARKER, Esq., coroner, on the body of Mr. **JAMES MAW [MAN]**, the well-known master of the *Cygnets* schooner, trading between Sydney and the Paterson River. It appeared from the evidence that Mr. Man was attending the Raymond Terrace races on Wednesday last, having ridden over from Lemon Grove, Paterson River, with Mr. **THOMAS SWAN**. Mr. Swan had a mare which he entered for the first race, and rode her himself; in the course of the race she stumbled and threw Mr. Swan over her head, and he was picked up insensible, but fortunately recovered. Towards evening Mr. Man made a match between the mare and another horse, to come off on the following morning, and although he knew she was a buck-jumper, he afterwards cantered her round the course, accompanied by Mr. **WILLIAM FEARLEY**, of Singleton. Observing that the mare looked skittish, Mr. Fearley called to Mr. Man to keep behind his horse, but the mare apparently got the better of Mr. Man, darted past Mr. Fearley's horse, and almost immediately after buck-jumped with great violence, throwing Mr. Man over her head; he fell on his head and rolled over twice, and on Mr. Fearley dismounting he found Mr. Man insensible, and bleeding from the nose and mouth. After supporting Mr. Man a short time, and finding he did not recover, Mr. Fearley rode into Raymond Terrace for assistance, when Dr. **CADELL** and others hastened to the spot, but found Mr. Man dead. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Monday the 17th December, two men named **JAMES ROSIN** and **BARTLEY DORAN** were proceeding from Maitland towards Messrs. Gorrick and Fleming's establishment, at Rutherford, in charge of two loaded drays. Rosin's wife accompanied him some distance, and then left and returned into Maitland. The two days stopped some time at Chapman's and then proceeded onwards, Doran's dray being first, and Rosin, who was in liquor, being seated on the top of his own dray, which was loaded with about 25 cwts; Doran kept on his way, without looking behind him, till he found Rosin's team come up close behind him, when he looked round, but could not see Rosin; he was afraid to go far from the drays, but remained calling him for some time, when he took the drays on, supposing that Rosin had returned after his wife. Meanwhile some persons appear to have found Rosin injured, for Dr. **M'CARTNEY** was sent for, and on proceeding to the spot, found Rosin lying in Mr. Gorrick's paddock on his back, quite helpless, and complaining of great pain; he told Dr. M'Cartney that he had fallen off the dray, and felt the wheel go over him. Rosin was conveyed to the hospital, and closely examined, but no external marks of injury could be seen, although he complained of great pain on the slightest touch or movement of his body. Dr. M'Cartney treated him for concussion of the spine, but in spite of every attention Rosin gradually sunk, and died yesterday morning; Dr. M'Cartney was unable to state the cause of death without making an examination. Mrs. Rosin stated that she could find no marks of injury whatever on the body. The jury returned a verdict that Rosin was accidentally killed by falling off his dray when in a state of intoxication.

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DEATH FROM OLD AGE. - On Friday another inquest was held before the coroner, J.S. PARKER, Esq., at Raymond Terrace, on the body of **ROBERT PHAUP [PHAMP]**, an old gentleman aged about eighty years. It appeared that for the last twelve months Mr. Phaup had lodged at Mr. **HALL'S**, the Junction Inn, Raymond

Terrace, and had been usually cheerful and hearty, although feeble, saying that he had been forty years in the colony, and was eighty years old; On Thursday evening he eat a very hearty supper, and went to bed apparently in good health, but the next morning at seven o'clock he was found lying dead in bed; no noise had been heard during the night from his room, and he was lying in a quiet position, the clothes being quite undisturbed. Dr. **CADELL**, who had been called in on the first alarm being given, having looked at the body, certified that there were no marks of violence, and that in his opinion Mr. Phaup had died from natural causes. The jury returned a verdict of died from natural causes.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - An inquest was held on Tuesday last, at the house of Mr. **HOOPER**, overseer on the Pickering Estate, near Merton, before **J.B. WEST**, Esq., coroner, touching the death of **JOSEPH HOOPER**, an intelligent little boy, about six years of age. It appeared from the evidence, that on Monday last Mr. Hooper, father of the deceased, was about to proceed to the river with a low heavy bullock cart or truck to fetch up some water, when his son who was standing by wished to have a ride, but his mother would not allow him to do so, and his father sent him back. The child commenced crying when his father drove off without him and Mr. Hooper had not proceeded above [??] hundred yards from the house when the boy, who was a very affectionate child, came running and crying after his father, unseen by his mother, and his father took him up and put him on the cart, and took him on it to the river, as he had done on several previous occasions. As they were returning home with a cask full of water that held 350 gallons, one of the wheels [surged?] from a low stump, and the child fell off the cart, and before his father could stop the bullocks, one of the wheels passed over his body; the poor child gave a slight scream and died instantaneously. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by accidentally falling off a water cart, and the wheel of it passing over his body. 29th December, 1849.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(From the People's Advocate, Dec. 29)

Thursday, December 27.

FRANCIS POYNER was indicted for the wilful murder of **DAVID FOLEY**, at Pittwater, on the 8th day of November last, by shooting him with a fowling piece, of which he instantly died. Verdict, not guilty. The trial took the whole of the day, and the evidence was entirely circumstantial. The prisoner was indicted for the crime in conjunction with one **THOMAS COLLINS**. The learned counsel for the prisoners, Messrs. **FOSTER** and **HOLROYD**, moved that the prisoners be tried separately, which was agreed to by the court. On the verdict of the jury being given, the Solicitor General informed the court that the Attorney General declined at present prosecuting Collins, and consented to his being admitted to bail on his own recognizance. The prisoner was ordered to be brought up on Friday.

WILLIAM HUDSON was indicted for the wilful murder of one **JOHN DONNELL**, at Vermont, on the 11th of November last, by striking him with a blunt instrument on both sides of his head. The jury acquitted the prisoner of the murder, and found him guilty of assault; sentenced to be imprisoned in Darlinghurst Gaol with hard labour for six months.

THOMAS COLLINS, in charge for the murder of **DAVID FOLEY**, at Pittwater, was discharged on his own recognizance of £40, to appear when called on to answer the charge. The prisoner was in custody of the Sheriff on a warrant of having absconded from his bail, on a charge of robbing the late Mr. Foley. The prisoner was therefore retained in custody to be tried for that offence at the next Quarter Sessions.

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CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Saturday

THOMAS COLLINS pleaded guilty to stealing various articles, the property of the late **DAVID FOLEY**, at Pittwater. Remanded for sentence.

NICKY NICKY, another aboriginal, was indicted for assaulting one **BULGOI**, an aboriginal, at the Coldstream River, on the 21st April, 1848, and for murdering him with a tomahawk. The evidence of a boy named **IRVING** fully established the fact that Nicky Nicky struck Bulgoi on the back of the head with a tomahawk, but left some doubt whether Bulgoi was alive when the blow was struck. Guilty; three years imprisonment.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - Yesterday an Inquest was held at the Salutation Inn, before **ROBERT WAUGH**, coroner for the district, and a respectable jury, on view of the body of **AMBROSE O'BRIEN**, who was found dead and covered in bruises on the previous evening in Mr. **STEWART'S** garden. The enquiry excited considerable sensation, it having been ascertained that certain suspicious circumstances connected with the death of the deceased had induced the Chief Constable to proceed to the residence of two men in whose company the deceased had left Goulburn, and apprehend them for wilful murder. The prisoners were escorted into town on the same evening, and were yesterday brought up in custody before the coroner and jury. The jury having been sworn, the chief constable said he had received information on the previous afternoon that the corpse of a man had been brought into town, and on proceeding to the rear of the Salutation Inn, saw the body of the deceased (touching whose death the present enquiry was being held), carried into a shed at the back of the premises; the body presented many appearances of ill usage, and on enquiry, he (the chief constable) had heard that the deceased had left town in company with two men of the name of **ERBY**; he proceeded out to their residence, at Darby Murray's Flats; and on enquiring of them when they had last seen the deceased, they said they had not seen him since he left Woodward's Hotel on the afternoon of that day; a pair of trousers, which one of the Erby's had worn, was produced to him; they were stained with blood in several places; the prisoners had made a different statement afterwards; and having ascertained that they had been seen in company with the deceased, after he left Mr. Woodward's, he considered it his duty to apprehend them and retain them in custody to await the issue of the present enquiry. After some further evidence had been taken, the jury consulted together, and returned a verdict that the deceased had died from certain injuries received, but there was no evidence to show the manner in which they had been received. The coroner, in discharging the prisoners, said that the jury wished it to be understood that they did not consider there was any evidence offered that day which could in the remotest manner fix the crime of murder on the prisoners. *Goulburn Herald, Dec. 29.*

INQUEST. - On Thursday an inquest was held before J.S. **PARKER**, Esq., coroner, at the Cottage of Content, East Maitland, on the body of **JOHN WARROW**. It appeared that Warrow, who was a man of colour, and called himself an American Black, got his living by selling brooms and charcoal, and had for some months lived in a Bark hut at the Four-Mile Creek; Warrow was much addicted to drink, and would spend on it nearly all his money, frequently taking home bottles of rum. He had been afflicted with a cough occasionally, and two or three weeks ago complained to two brickmakers, his nearest neighbours, that he felt great pain in his stomach; from this

time he never left his hut, and evidently got weaker, the two brickmakers kindly supplying him with food, but refusing to bring him any spirits; at different times they urged him to see Dr. **BROWN**, or go to the hospital, but Warrow refused, saying he did not like doctors or hospitals; on Tuesday evening one of the brickmakers visited his hut, and found Warrow weak, lying on the bare floor, with scarcely any clothing, and his fire out; he lit the fire, and promised to bring some broth in the morning, there being then tea and bread in the hut, but neither of which Warrow seemed to like. Next morning, however, Warrow was found to be lying dead, in the same position as when the brickmakers left him. The jury returned a verdict of died by the visitation of God, and that death was accelerated by intemperance.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

On the motion of Mr. **HOLROYD, THOMAS COLLINS**, who had pleaded guilty to an indictment for larceny, was allowed to withdraw the plea, and to plead not guilty.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/576, 09/01/1850

During the passage of the *Emma* from this to Hobart Town, one of the steerage passengers named **CHARLES BISSENT** jumped overboard in a fit of *delirium tremens*; a seaman named **THOMAS LANSDOWNE**, upon the alarm being given, immediately plunged after him, and in a praiseworthy manner, kept him afloat until assistance was rendered, which was done in a few minutes, as it was luckily a calm at that time. When taken on board, every means was taken towards resuscitation, but without effect, as he must have been dead when taken on board.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - An inquest was held at the District Hospital, Parramatta, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, on view of the body of **WILLIAM MILLER**, a married man, without family, who met his death at **HALKETT's** quarry, at the Field of Mars. **JAMES POWER** being sworn, deposed: I am a labourer, in the employ of the Surveyor of the Parramatta Roads Trust; I was engaged in excavating some road metal at the quarry, in the Field of Mars; the deceased, **WILLIAM FLINN, PHILIP M'DONALD, and ROBERT FEARNES**, were also at the same work; yesterday afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock, the deceased, Flinn and M'Donald, were working with pick-axes undermining the bank, when the top, which had been undermined, came suddenly down and caused the death of William Miller, who was working between Flinn and M'Donald; deceased died instantly; his head was crushed to pieces; Fearnes was on the top looking out to see if the ground was likely to give way; I was beside M'Donald and saw the earth give way; I called out to them to make their escape, which Flinn and M'Donald did, but the deceased got confused and ran the wrong way; Fearnes came down with the stuff, a fall of sixteen feet, which injured his ankle; there was thirty or forty tons of stuff; we expected it to come down, but not so soon; M'Donald received injuries in the leg and back; two other men were present and confirmed the above statements. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. - *Herald, Jan. 5.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/577, 12/01/1850

SINGLETON

SKELETON FOUND. - There is to be an inquest, at twelve o'clock, on some human bones, which were found the other day in the bush, at about two miles from Munimba lockup. The skeleton is, we have heard, perfect except the feet, which are supposed to have been carried away by the native dogs, with the boots on them. Although the bones are perfectly white, yet the wristbands and collar of a shirt were found

buttoned; it is consequently supposed to be the remains of some white man. January 10, 1850.

SUDDEN DEATH. - At nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, Mr. **CHARLES DICKINSON**, publican, of the South Head Road, fell down and expired suddenly as he was going up stairs. During the same evening a woman named **WILLIAMS**, residing in Globe-street, was found dead in her bed by some of her neighbours. The latter, however, had for a considerable time been in a delicate state of health, and had been heard to complain of pain and illness. - *Herald, Jan. 10.*

BODY FOUND. - About six o'clock yesterday evening two little boys playing near the bridge, Rushcutter's Bay, dug out of the sand the body of an infant having the appearance of being strangled. It seemed to be about a week old. An Inquest will be held on the body today. - *Herald, Jan. 10.*

BIRTH

At West Maitland, on the 2nd January, the lady of **R. PRINGLE**, Esq., of a daughter, still born.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/578, 16/01/1850

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT. - We are sorry to have to record the accidental drowning, yesterday afternoon, of Master **JOHN [C] WILKINSON**, the eldest son of the Rev. **S. WILKINSON**, Wesleyan Minister, of this town. The afternoon being very warm, the poor boy had gone to the river to bathe, nearly at the back of Mr. **BUSSELL's**, at a place much used by lads for bathing. Master Wilkinson it appears could not swim, and one or two of his companions observing that he was venturing out too far, called to him to come back, but he went on, saying that he could go farther out; in another moment he stepped on to the edge of a bank which exists at that point under water, and instantly slipped down out of sight. The other lads screamed out, and a little girl who saw the accident ran towards the street, and meeting with **CHARLES SMITH**, she called out to him that a little boy was drowned; young Smith instantly ran down, and the fatal spot being pointed out to him, he made for it, and dived two or three times, and finally found the unfortunate boy standing against the bank, as if he had been trying to make his way up it, the water being then about three feet over his head. The body was immediately brought to the surface and on shore by young Smith, and was carried to Mr. Wilkinson's house. Three medical men were quickly in attendance, and tried every means to restore the poor lad, but without avail, life being gone. The poor boy was well known, and much liked for his winning intelligent manner. He was, we believe, about ten or eleven years old.

SUPPOSED INFANTICIDE. - In our yesterday's issue we mentioned that the body of a male infant had been found alongside the South Head Road, in the vicinity of the toll-bar, by two boys who happened to be playing there. In the afternoon an inquest was held upon the body at White Conduit House, Rushcutter's Bay, at which Dr. **TIERNEY**, who had in the meantime made a *post mortem* examination, expressed his opinion that death had been occasioned by hemorrhage, in consequence of the umbilical cord not having been secured in the ordinary manner. The child, he stated, was strong and healthy, and had evidently been born alive. Upon the scalp there was a slight cut, but the brain beneath it showed no such appearance of compression as to lead to the supposition that this wound would have been fatal. There was likewise an injury to one of the eyes, but this the doctor was of opinion might have occurred after death. The body was wrapped in a piece of canvas, apparently the upper part of a bag, which had been cut or torn in a zig zag direction. The whole was tied tightly with a piece of twine, and compressed into the smallest possible spacer for the purpose of

concealment, and had in fact been apparently lying there undiscovered for a couple of days, as it was partially decomposed. The jury, under these circumstances, returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown. - *Herald, Jan. 11.*

BIRTHS

At Newcastle-street, East Maitland, on the 8th Jan., Mrs. **J. BURFIELD**, of twin sons, one still born.

BUSH FIRES.

... Two persons are missing, and it is greatly feared that they have perished amidst the burning scrub. These are an aged man named **JOSEPH CURRAN**, and a person known by the name of "**JOHN THE FRENCHMAN.**" The latter had also a horse with him. ... In addition to the disasters we noted yesterday, a man named **KELLY** had some horses burned, and we heard two of his children also.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/579, 19/01/1850

INQUEST. - On Tuesday evening an inquest was held before Mr. **PARKER** on the body of **JOHN WILKINSON**, the poor boy whose death we reported in the *Mercury* OF Wednesday. The evidence given was nearly to the same effect as we published. A verdict of accidentally drowned was returned.

SUDDEN DEATH. - On Wednesday morning a man named **JOSEPH ECCLES** dropped down in High-street, and almost instantly expired. Eccles had been for some months in the employ of Mr. **WAKELY**, and had that morning left him to go up country with the team of Mr. **DUNSMORE**. Dunsmore called in at the shop of Mr. **GRAHAM**, saddler, to purchase some harness, leaving Eccles standing by the lead horse of the team; he had scarcely got into the shop, however, when Eccles, who appeared quite well up to that moment, was seen to fall forward on his face, and remain quite still; the bystanders hurried up, and lifted him, and observed a little blood issuing from his mouth; a medical man passing at the time went to the spot, and perceiving that Eccles was seized with apoplexy he bled him, but in a few moments he expired. He was not an intemperate man, and had never been observed to be an ailing man. An inquest was held on the body the same day before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., and a verdict was returned of died by the visitation of God.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/580, 23/01/1850

INQUEST. - Yesterday an inquest was held at the Rose Inn, West Maitland, before the coroner, Mr. **PARKER**, on the body of **MARGERITA GARDOLL**, a native of Germany. It appeared that Mrs. Gardoll and her husband had formerly been in the service of Mr. **A. WINDEYER**, of Kinross, and had latterly resided at Maitland, where they appeared very poor. On Saturday morning last Gardoll went to Morpeth, and his wife accompanied him as far as East Maitland, carrying with her a basket or box of cakes for sale; Gardoll left his wife in East Maitland, but when he subsequently returned to West Maitland he found she was not returned, nor could he hear of her, although he went to East Maitland and elsewhere to look for her; at six in the evening Gardoll again went to East Maitland, and then met his wife, who told him that she had fallen from the heat, and had been picked up by a carter, who afterwards told her that she had not been on the ground a minute when he picked her up; that she was afterwards some time in a house in East Maitland, where the people gave her a good deal of milk to drink, until she had somewhat recovered. All that night Mrs. Gardoll appeared very poorly, complaining of pains in her stomach, but she refused to allow her husband to call in a doctor; during Sunday night she became worse, and finally became speechless. Gardoll then called in Dr. **M'CARTNEY**, and subsequently two

other medical men saw her; they treated her for congestion of the brain, but she got worse, and died about eleven o'clock on Monday night. Gardoll said his wife would have been confined in about two months, but that she was healthy and well when she left on Saturday morning. Another witness, Mrs. **DUNN**, said that Mrs. Gardoll complained on Thursday of being very sore from carrying about the basket, and complained on Friday evening of great pain in her head. Dr. M'Cartney considered the cause of death to be congestion of the brain, but could not say how it arose. A verdict was returned of died by the visitation of God.

MELANCHOLY DEATH OF A LUNATIC FROM EXPOSURE. - On Tuesday last an inquest was held at Mr. Tapp's Union Inn, Church-street, Parramatta, on view of the body of **MARGARET SHEDBOLT**, late of Canterbury, near Ashfield. The coroner read a letter from Mr. **WHITING**, innkeeper, of Ashfield, stating that the deceased had left her house on the 6th instant, and had not been heard of since, until the present time. **GEORGE SHEDBOLT** being sworn, deposed, I am the husband of the deceased; I am a cow-keeper residing at Canterbury; I have been to the Hospital, and seen the deceased; she was my wife; the last time I saw her, was on Monday the 6th instant; she left her house and took with her a leg of pork, to carry to Mr. **MURRAY**, a neighbour of mine; on her return she went to Mr. Whiting's, the publican; at nine o'clock that day Mr. Whiting told me that she was gone to Sydney, as he had given her an order to go to the Infirmary, she having cut her hand very badly, and required dressing – it was much swollen; she took with her a joint of pork; she was bad in her mind for the last three months; she was not addicted to drinking; I never heard of her since until yesterday, when constable **CAUFIELD** brought me a letter from the hospital here; the letter reached me last night. **JAMES VENN**, in the service of Mr. **BLACKETT**, deposed, on Sunday last, about five o'clock, I was looking for my cattle in the bush, and heard a moan; I stopped to listen, and it was repeated; I proceeded to the spot and saw a female in a sitting posture against a log beside a creek; she said she was weak and not able to follow me, and as night was coming on she would lie down; she first said she had been three weeks from home; I procured assistance to take her to the hospital; her little finger was quite black, and the ring finger much swollen; she had a wound on the bosom and blood on the mouth; she was covered with large black ants; I think she was insane; she had but part of an old gown on. Mr. **WILLIAMS**, overseer to the Parramatta District Hospital, deposed, the deceased said she was three days and three nights in the bush, and kept the native dogs, who were howling round her all night, at a distance with a bough; she said the hawks hovered about her, and picked her; she wandered in her mind, and lived but thirty-six hours after being received into the hospital. Dr. **ROBERTSON** deposed: I saw the deceased on her coming to the hospital; she was in a state of great exhaustion, quite delirious, and no pulse; I said she would die next morning; she had ulcers in different parts of her body, which might have been produced by ants, hawks, or native dogs; they were not like wounds from a human agency; she had a wound on her elbow very deep, the little finger was in a state of sloughing, and the other finger was so bad I had the ring filed off; she died from exposure, exhaustion and starvation. The deceased was about 50 years of age, and quite insane. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence. - *Herald, Jan. 18.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/581, 26/01/1850

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - An inquest was held by **J.B. WEST**, Esq., coroner, at his residence, Muswell Brook, on the body of **JAMES WILLIAM NOBLE**, a servant in the employ of Mr. **TATE**, of the Bull's Head, St. Heliers, near Muswell Brook. It

appeared the man had been to the river with a horse and cart, and was returning home with two casks of water; he was sitting in the front of the cart, holding the reins, and was driving the horse rather fast, when by some means or other he fell off the front of the cart, the wheel of which went over his body. He was immediately removed to the hospital, and two surgeons were soon in attendance, but the man died during the night. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. January 22, 1850.

DETERMINED SUICIDE. - The magisterial inquiry alluded to in my last, was held on the body of **GEORGE PLATT**, when it appeared that Mrs. **BURNS**, in whose public-house he had stopped the previous night, observing him "looking rather wild," directed the servant to watch him. While, however, the man's back was turned for an instant, Platt snatched a knife off the table, and cut his throat; the servant then grappled with him, but the deceased being by far the more powerful of the two, threw the cook nearly into the fire, and gave himself a second gash, when he immediately fell. Dr. **DORSEY**, on being called upon, tried to stop the hemorrhage and sew up the two separate wounds; but all the arteries being severely lacerated, death ensued while the operation was being performed. The deceased had been drinking in the township for some days, and at the time he committed the act which sent him so prematurely before his Maker, he was suffering from *delirium tremens*. While suffering under the fits, he imagined everyone to be accusing him of the Kangaroo Point murder, for which **FIFE** suffered. It will, perhaps, be remembered that this was one of the men who were suspected of having been in some indirect way connected with that unfortunate tragedy. - *Ipswich Correspondent of the Moreton Bay Courier*.

HORSE RACE. - SERIOUS ACCIDENT. - Yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock, a horse race for a new saddle took place in North Brisbane. Four horses started. One of the riders, named [**PATRICK**] **CONDON**, upon starting, lost one of his stirrups, when his horse bolted, and brought him in violent contact with Mr. **HAYES'S** house (sic), where he was thrown to the ground, and received a severe wound in the scalp on the back of the head - the skull is supposed to be fractured - and he was much bruised on the side, back, and left arm; he bled profusely from the left ear. He was immediately conveyed to the hospital, and attended by Dr. **BALLOW**, who reported him, last night, to be in a very dangerous state. Six men were required to hold him, and it was found necessary to secure him with a straight waistcoat. We hear, likewise, that a black fellow received a kick in the face from one of the horses engaged in the race. - *Moreton Bay Courier, January 12*.

SUDDEN DEATH. - Mr. **FREDERICK WILLIAM HORNCastle**, whose interesting lectures upon music must be remembered by many of our readers, was on Monday found dead on the floor of his bedroom at the Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, Botany, where he was at the time residing. An inquest was held upon the body yesterday, and an opinion having been expressed by Dr. **TIERNEY** that death had been occasioned by the rupture of a blood vessel, a verdict of death from natural causes was returned. - *Herald, 23rd January*.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT. - A Mr. **O'CONNOR**, Storekeeper, of Ipswich, and who has only been a short time resident in this district, met with an untimely death on Sunday, the 6th instant, whilst bathing in the River Bremer. The unfortunate gentleman, it appears, whilst walking on the river's bank, in company with his sister and the Rev. Mr. **DICKEY**, expressed an inclination to take a bathe, and at once jumped into the river, with his trousers and shirt on. Being an excellent swimmer, he easily made a safe passage across, but unfortunately on his return, his clothes must have in some way impeded his progress, for he was seen to endeavour to get his shirt off, and shortly afterwards to go down, melancholy to state, to come up no more alive.

His body was recovered during the evening, and on the following day interred in the Ipswich burial ground, his remains being attended to their final resting place by nearly three hundred persons. The feelings of his sister may be more easily felt than described. - *Herald Correspondent*.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/582, 31/01/1850

DEATH FROM FIRE. - A coroner's enquiry was held on Thursday last, at Colleydar, Lake George, before **ROBERT WAUGH**, Esq., on view of the body of a young child, aged three years and a half, the son of Mr. **TUMBER**, a small farmer. It appeared from the evidence adduced, that Mrs. Tumber had occasion to visit a neighbour, and as a matter of precaution put her children, four in number, outside the hut. During her absence, deceased, and another of the children managed to get in again, and amused themselves by lighting sticks at the fire. The clothes of the deceased accidentally ignited, and on his running out of the hut, they blazed up. The father of deceased was reaping in a field close by, at the time of the accident, and observing by chance the blaze near the hut, ran up to it, when to his horror he found his child lying on the ground, with its clothes burning furiously. He quickly tore off the garments, but on raising the body found that life was extinct. - Dr. **GERARD** examined the deceased, and found several severe burns about the abdomen and thorax, quite sufficient to destroy life. A verdict according to the evidence was returned. - *Goulburn Herald, Jan. 26*.

MELANCHOLY CIRCUMSTANCE. - on Tuesday last the widow of Mr. Field, bootmaker, who met his death whilst bathing in the Wollondilly river, expired shortly after giving birth to a male infant. The poor woman has never held up her head since the melancholy fate of her husband, and her delicate condition appeared to hurry on her dissolution. - *Goulburn Herald*.

INQUEST. - An inquest was held yesterday afternoon at Mr. Oatley's, Sportsman's Inn, on the body of a man named **SYDNEY BINKS [BRINKS]**, who expired yesterday morning. It appeared, that about a fortnight ago the deceased went to fetch his wife home, who had been drinking, and in doing so he dragged and ill-used her, when a crowd collected, and some persons assaulted him. In consequence of the injuries received erysipelas in the head ensued, and caused the death of the deceased. From a deposition taken by Mr. **DAY**, Superintendent of Police, two persons, named **JONATHAN WHITING** and **SUSAN BROWN**, were apprehended. Two witnesses, whose evidence was very contradictory, were examined, and the jury adjourned till Wednesday next. - *Herald, Jan.26*.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/583, 06/02/1850

INQUEST. - On Sunday an inquest was commenced before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, at the Northumberland Hotel, on the body of a baby, the child of **ANDREW NEWELL**. It appeared from the evidence adduced on that day and yesterday, that Newell had been ill for some time, and had been under the care of Dr. **BOWKER**, at Newcastle; Newell returned on Thursday last, still ill, and bringing with him some medicine similar to that he had been taking at Newcastle. On the same night his wife was confined. Mrs. **JANE KELLY**, who attended on Mrs. Newell, found on the evening of Friday that the child appeared poorly and troubled with the wind, and she gave it some castor oil, and caraway water; the baby got worse, and the parents, who were both ill in bed, desired Mrs. Kelly to give the baby half a teaspoonful of the sleeping draught Newell was taking, Newell observing that it made him sleep, and would therefore make the baby sleep also. Mrs. Kelly had seen Newell take one or

two tablespoonfuls of the mixture during the day, and she did not think of the possibility on injuring the child, and she gave it half a teaspoonful. The bottle contained a solution of morphine. The baby went to sleep soon after taking it, but soon after awoke slightly convulsed, and from that time till morning lay in a state of half stupor. Mrs. Kelly then took it to Dr. **LIDDELL**, but it was too late; she followed carefully the directions Dr. Liddell gave her, but the child died in the course of the morning. A *post mortem* examination by Dr. Liddell showed that the child died asphyxiated, no doubt caused by the narcotic it had taken. The inquest was adjourned till yesterday for Dr. Bowker's evidence. Dr. Bowker certified that half a teaspoonful of the mixture was sufficient to cause the death of the infant, and that from the knowledge he had acquired of Newell's character during his attendance on him he felt satisfied Newell was entirely innocent of any criminal intention in recommending Mrs. Kelly to give the baby some of the mixture. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased babe came by its death from an overdose of morphine, which was administered in ignorance of its effects to the deceased babe by its parents.

SUDDEN DEATH. - A man named **JAMES WILLS**, residing in Market-Street, dropped dead on Saturday night, in a public-house in George-Street South. A few minutes previous to his death he appeared in perfect health. Apoplexy has been stated by a medical man to be the cause of death. Mrs. **[JEMIMA] CLARKSON**, wife of a licensed victualler at the corner of Park and Elizabeth-streets, laid down on a sofa on Sunday evening and instantly expired.

DREADFUL DEATH. - A few days since the body of a man named **THOMAS FARRELL**, a sawyer, was found in Molong Creek in a very mutilated state: the intestines torn from the body and devoured, as there was no vestige of them on the spot. He was much addicted to habits of intemperance, and would work hard for three or four weeks, then report to a public-house and spend his hard earnings. For several days previous to his body being found he had indulged freely in strong potations, and one evening he had rushed out of the house he was in and taken to the bush, in an apparent state of madness; the inmates had often seen him do so before, when, after a few hours' absence, he would return; they therefore did not feel surprised at first, but after a much longer absence than usual they became alarmed, and feared that something serious had happened to him. It is supposed that he had fallen down in a senseless state, and had been attacked by native dogs. *Bathurst Correspondent of Herald.*

FEARFUL DEATH. - About ten days ago, a young man named **ROBINSON** came to an untimely end in the following awful way. He had been drinking in company with four other men (sawyers), at Hyam's public-house, till a late hour. At about ten o'clock the landlord made them leave, which they did, all more or less intoxicated, taking a quantity of drink with them, and returned to a spot in the bush - to finish their night's carouse. They kindled a fire at the foot of a dry oak tree, the butt of which measured about ten inches in diameter. Having drunk the liquor, they all fell asleep near the fire, except one man, who then left the party and went home. In the course of the night, the root of the tree burnt away, and the tree fell across Robinson, who, at daylight in the morning, was found dead under it, the butt lying over his breast, his clothes all burnt off, and his body exhibiting a shocking appearance from the effects of the fire. His companions, it would seem, were in so stupid and beastly a state as not to hear the crash of the falling tree, although they were all lying pell-mell, within a foot or two of one another, Robinson's head actually resting on the body of one of the men. *Shoalhaven Correspondent of Herald.*

SUICIDE. - Yesterday afternoon, the body of a man was seen by some boys fishing from the Circular Quay, floating in the water with his head upward. On being brought ashore it was found to be the body of a man who went by the name of **DARBY BYRNES**, living in Phillip-street, and who obtained his livelihood by carrying water to the neighbours round about. It appeared that the unfortunate man had a quarrel with his wife on Tuesday last, he having been drinking, and on his leaving her, he told her that she would see him no more. He was not seen again till taken out of the water, when it appeared that he had buckled a strap round his neck, to which a flatiron was attached; and had also filled his pockets with stones, to facilitate his sinking. The body was removed to the dead-house, and an inquest will be held on it this day. *Herald, Feb. 1.*

INQUEST. - An inquest was held yesterday, at the Lemon Tree, public-house, Phillip-street, on the body of **JEREMIAH BYRNES**, whose death by drowning, was mentioned in the herald of yesterday. **MARY BYRNES**, the wife of the deceased, stated that for some time past he had been in a very depressed state of mind from not being able to earn enough to keep his family; he used to carry water and cut wood, and latterly he had had very little to do, and with their three children they had not sufficient to live on; he was a very sober man, and always anxious to work, but had of late often said he would drown himself if he could not get a better living. On Tuesday last, he was very much depressed and strange in his manner, and would not try to work, which was very unusual with him; she had no quarrel with him that day, and in the evening she went out of the house a few moments, leaving him with the children, and on her return he was gone. The flat iron, fastened round his neck, was taken from the house. Dr. **TIERNEY** having certified that there were no external marks of violence on the body, the jury returned a verdict of "found drowned;" but under what circumstances he was suffocated by drowning was unknown. *Herald, Feb. 2.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/585, 09/02/1850

SUDDEN DEATH. - On Wednesday an inquest was held before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, at the Angel Inn, West Maitland, on the body of **MICHAEL JENNINGS**, an old man of about 78 years of age. It appeared that Jennings, who was an ailing man, was trying to get employment, and meanwhile was stopping with Mr. **BALSER**, tinman. On Monday Jennings went into the cellar to get some grass to feed a horse, and did not return, and Mr. Balsler, hearing a groan, went down, and found that the old man had fallen down, and could neither speak nor stand. He got the old man up, and sent for Dr. **LIDDELL**, who attended, but found the old man was partially paralysed, and evidently dying; and about ten o'clock that evening Jennings expired. The jury returned a verdict of died from natural causes.

SUDDEN DEATH. - On Sunday morning last, Mr. **JAMES DARGIN**, who resided near Windsor, ate a comfortable breakfast, and having gone down the yard, as he was returning was suddenly seized with illness. He stopped short and called to his son to come to his assistance. His son and wife quickly came, into whose arms he fell, saying he was dying. He bade farewell to his wife, and soon became insensible. In the mean time, Mr. Surgeon **WHITE** had been sent for, as also Dr. **DOWE**. The former cut the temporal artery, which enabled the deceased to rally for a few minutes only, when he expired. Mr. Surgeon White had been in attendance on him during the last two months, and expected that his death would be sudden, and the deceased was perfectly aware of it himself. It appeared that a suffusion of blood on the brain had

caused apoplexy. Mr. Dargin was much respected and deeply regretted by all who knew him. *Windsor Correspondent of Herald*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/586, 13/02/1850

LETTER, from Aborigine **JACKEY JACKEY**, saying he is not dead and was not killed at Singleton.

FATAL ACCIDENTS. - On Sunday afternoon a man named **JOSEPH MAHER**, a servant of Mr. **HRAGREAVES**, of New England, and who had come down the country with a load of wood, had married to a young woman [**ALCE KENNEDY**] in Maitland. On the following day he accompanied the team to Morpeth, and he and **WILLIAM COCKING**, the driver, loaded the dray with return goods; Maher principally seeing to the loading; Cocking observed to him that the goods did not look secure, as they were short of cord to fasten them properly, but Maher said they would do till they reached Maitland, where he would pack the dray afresh. About three o'clock the dray left the steamer wharf on its journey, Maher sitting on a chest of tea in front of the load the help keep the dray balanced, and Cocking walking by his leading bullock to keep them on the crown of the road; as the dray passed through the gateway a bystander saw the wheels catch the sill, which gave the load a shake, and brought down one or two loose cases from the load; these struck the pole bullocks and hastened their pace, and in another moment the dray got a little off the crown of the road, and the tilt sent off several cases, including the chest of tea poor Maher was sitting on, and he fell himself with it; as he fell he struck the shaft of the dray, and falling just in front of the wheel, in another instant it went over his head, crushing it so dreadfully that it exposed the brain; he never spoke more, and expired in a very short time. Cocking saw nothing of the accident, the whole taking up a brief space of time, and when he stopped the team on hearing the cries, he found his mate lying apparently dead. An inquest was held on the body the same evening, before Mr. **PARKER**, the jury exonerating the driver from all blame.

Yesterday, about midday, we are informed that an industrious small settler, named **GEORGE [JOHN] FIELD**, residing on the Hillborough estate, was engaged yoking up his bullocks, one of them being very restive, when a bullock unhappily jerked his head up quite suddenly as Field was reached over across him; the yoke-iron struck poor Field on the temple, and he fell senseless, and expired in a few minutes. Field leaves a widow and small family to mourn their sudden loss.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - A youth, about 15 years of age, named **KELLY**, was accidentally killed last Saturday, on the Yass road, between the Red House and Gunning. It appears that he was accompanying a man and another boy in a cart in which there were two horses belonging to Mr. **LANGHORNE**. In mounting the shaft for the purpose of getting into the cart, the lad incautiously placed his hand on the horse's rump; the animal sprang forward, throwing the boy under the wheel, which passed over his body and killed him dead on the spot. The deceased was conveyed to Gunning the next morning, and the following day an inquest was held by **MAURICE ISIDORE BLAKE**, Esq., coroner for the district, when the jury returned a verdict of accidentally killed. - *Goulburn Herald, Feb. 9.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/587, 16/02/1850

SUDDEN DEATH. - In our last we mentioned that a report had reached us that **JOHN FIELD**, an industrious settler at Hillsborough, had been killed on Tuesday by a working bullock jerking his head up, and striking Field on the temple with a yoke-iron. An inquest was held on the body on Wednesday, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq.,

coroner, when it appeared from the evidence of **MICHAEL WOODS** that Field's little boy ran to his place on Tuesday morning and told him his mother begged he would come over directly as his father had been knocked down by the working bullocks; Woods went over immediately, and found Field lying on the ground in the stock yard, his head supported by the woman who lived with him; Field was quite speechless, and Woods lifted him, and carried him into the house and placed him on a bed, and then went to a neighbour for assistance; the woman asked Woods to get Field to speak to her, but he remarked that Field was beyond speaking. A boy named **LONG** deposed that about an hour previous he heard one say "you're a liar." The inquiry was adjourned to allow the body to be examined by a medical man. On the following day Dr. **SLOAN** performed a post mortem examination, and found a slight abrasion of skin under the left ear, but neither there nor on the temple was there any fracture of the skull; he certified that death arose from sanguinous apoplexy; he did not consider the marks on the head indicated violence from any person or persons. The jury returned a verdict of died from natural causes.

SHOCKING DEATH. - On Wednesday afternoon a woman of loose character, named **CHARLOTTE JORDAN**, met with a fearful accident. She was riding in a covered dray from Morpeth, being helplessly drunk at the time, and when nearly opposite Mr. **HOWE'S** her leg got entangled in the spokes of the wheel, and was immediately broken as the dray moved on, the part above the knee being fearfully crushed. She was taken on to the Maitland Hospital, and lay there till yesterday, receiving every attention from the medical men, but never recovering from the shock sufficiently to allow her leg to be amputated. Yesterday about one o'clock she expired. During her lucid moments she informed the authorities that she was in a state of pregnancy, and that she was a married woman, but had been living apart from her husband for a long time. A man named **GEORGE REYNOLDS** was in the dray with her at the time of the accident, and he was immediately apprehended. Evidence was taken before the bench in the case on Thursday, and yesterday, which we forbear publishing till the inquest has been held.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Monday, an inquest was held at Bluck's, the Family Hotel, Surry Hills, on view of the body of **THOMAS HEARD**. Deceased was seen near 9 o'clock on Saturday night, in a state of intoxication, on the rise of the hill near the Sheriff's Gardens, and inquiring the way to Baptist's Gardens. About 11 o'clock that night, a brick maker residing on the Riley Estate, heard a noise as of some one leaping from an elevation, and next morning saw deceased in Queen-street, lying dead within a yard of an embankment of some eighteen or nineteen feet above the road, from which several persons have fallen and injured themselves more or less severely; the road ends abruptly with the embankment. Dr. **TIERNEY** examined the body on Sunday, found some blood on the clothes, a large wound on the scalp, from which blood was oozing, and a deep wound of about an inch and a half in length under the chin; a fall from such a height as that described by the witnesses would produce concussion of the brain, and these wounds, with exposure to cold, were sufficient to account for death. The jury found a verdict of died from injuries accidentally received while in a state of intoxication. - *Herald, Feb. 14.*

FATAL ACCIDENT. - An inquest was held on Monday last, at the residence of Mr. **HOWARD**, Brucevale, on the body of **JAMES MOLYNEAUX [is this MULLINCAMP?]**, a resident upon the Beverley Park estate, before the district coroner. Deceased and wife, on Friday last, had attended the funeral of a neighbour's child to Bathurst, and it was upon their return home, in company with several others, that the accident occurred which caused his death. Molyneaux and his wife were

travelling in a cart, and upon passing through a slip-panel behind Mr. **READ**'s house, on account of the proximity of the track, it is supposed that the wheel of the cart came in contact with one of the posts, thereby starting the mare and causing her to rush forward upon the side of the ridge, which is here very steep and stony, and in this manner upset the cart. Upon hearing the noise made by the fall of the cart, Mr. **HOWARD** and others, who were at a distance in advance, immediately returned and rendered prompt assistance. Mrs. Molyneaux was found to be uninjured, not having been struck by the cart in the fall, but to their amazement and horror Molyneaux was quite dead. He had bled profusely at the mouth. The Coroner was unaccompanied by a medical man. The jury inspected the body, and found that the neck was dislocated, the arm injured, and a considerable portion of one of the thighs slightly bruised, as also several bones broken. Verdict, accidental death. - *Bathurst Free Press, Feb. 9.*

FATAL ACCIDENT AT CARCOAR. - **PATRICK BURNS [BYRNE]**, a small settler upon Brown's Creek, near Carcoar, met with his death under the following circumstances:- On Sunday last, he had, in company with others, been to Carcoar, and partaken rather freely of liquor. He left for home between four and five o'clock in the afternoon. When about half a mile from the township, on the road rising the hill, he was cantering at a smart pace, and came in contact with a tree. The force of the concussion threw him from his horse, when he must have fallen perpendicularly against a stone, as the skull was fractured in the centre of the crown. An inquest was held over his remains, at Mr. Simpson's, Shearer's Arms, before **SAMUEL NORTH**, Esq., P.M., and a verdict of accidental death returned. - *Bathurst Free Press, Feb. 9.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/588, 20/02/1850

MAITLAND CIRCUIT COURT

MANSLAUGHTER. - In the *Mercury* of Saturday last we mentioned the shocking accident that had occurred to a woman named **CHARLOTTE JORDAN**, and her subsequent death in the Maitland Hospital. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday, at the hospital, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, at the close of which the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against **GEORGE REYNOLDS**, the man who was in the dray with the unfortunate woman, and Reynolds was thereupon committed by the coroner for trial at the ensuing Circuit Court. As the Circuit Court sits so soon we do not publish more than an outline of the case. It appeared from the evidence that Reynolds was in the employ of Mr. **HAMILTON**, and was with another man in charge of a dray and a team of bullocks; Reynolds had met Charlotte Jordan about Maitland, and she urged him to take her up country with her (sic). On Wednesday last Reynolds and his dray-mate, Charlotte Jordan, a man named **JOHN WILLIAMSON**, and a woman named **CATHERINE SANFORD**, went to Morpeth with the dray, which was covered with canvas; at Morpeth they had dinner and some drink, Reynolds and Jordan getting very tipsy, Jordan so much so that on their return she had to be lifted into the dray by Reynolds and Williamson. They all left Morpeth about three o'clock, Jordan riding inside the dray, Reynold's mate (a very deaf man) driving, and the other three walking; after some time Williamson and Mrs. Sanford got inside the dray. From this point the evidence of Mrs. Sanford and Williamson, as given before the coroner, varied from what they deposed before the bench, so that we do not now give either of their versions. The dray had got about two miles on the road from Morpeth when Mrs. **ROWE**, a married woman residing by the roadside, observed that it made a momentary stop as it came near her house, and then went on a yard or two; she had been alarmed by a woman's loud cry as the stoppage occurred, and as soon as the dray moved she heard such a cry that she ran round behind the dray

to look in to see what the matter was; she was then horrified to see Reynolds and Charlotte Jordan lying across the dray in an indecent condition, and Charlotte Jordan's left leg bleeding much from having got out between the wheel and the guard-iron. Mrs. Rowe called out to stop the dray, and Williamson jumping down stopped the team, and Mrs. Rowe and he got the poor woman's leg out of its dangerous position, and into the dray again. Even after this, however, a horseman riding up, and being told by Mrs. Rowe of what had occurred, looked into the dray, and saw most indecent conduct on Reynold's part. The poor woman was taken to the hospital, and her leg found to be fearfully crushed and broken above the knee, and she never recovered sufficiently to allow her leg to be amputated, but died about one o'clock on Friday.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - Yesterday an inquest was held at Rosebrook before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, on the body of **BOURN RUSSELL**, a boy of seven years old. It appeared from the evidence that he was stopping with his uncle, Mr. **CAMPBELL**, and that on Monday morning young Russell and a son of Mr. Campbell, named **ALEXANDER [Campbell]**, rode together on ponies in a paddock for some time, young Russell being learning to ride; at length something startled the pony young Russell was riding, and he started off at full gallop, the other pony following him; Mrs. Campbell was alarmed at this, and sent another of her sons to endeavour to stop young Russell's pony, but young Russell was thrown off, and his foot catching in the stirrup, he was dragged for 300 yards before his boot came off and released him. When picked up he was quite insensible. Dr. **M'CARTNEY** was sent for, but on his arrival he found that the poor boy was dead, and had been so dreadfully injured about the head that he could not have lived above a minute or two after receiving the injuries. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

SYDNEY NEWS.

I am told that several accidents have occurred. A boat was capsized near Bradley's Head and sunk; there were six persons on board, five of whom were saved; the other, a person named **COOLEY**, was drowned. I am informed that a man named **MARTIN** and his wife, residing at Chippendale, were struck by the lightning while sitting at tea; the man was killed on the spot, and the woman so much injured that her recovery is very doubtful. It is also stated that a child was killed in the same house, ...

Three men were fishing between five and six o'clock in a boat off the Market Wharf; the boat capsized during the squall, and one of the men, named **JOSEPH HARPUR**, was drowned; the body is not yet found.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Saturday, an inquest was held at Driver's, the Three Tuns, King-street, on view of the body of **JAMES KINSLOWE**, then lying dead in the Infirmary. Deceased was received into the infirmary on the 31st December last, suffering from a compound fracture of the arm, received, according to his own account, while hooking bags to a chain at Barker's Mills; he said the bag slipped, and he was twice caught up and raised to the hoisting place; he lingered until Saturday, the 16th instant, when he expired. **DONALD M'EWEN, M.D.**, deposed that within a week after the admission of the deceased into the infirmary, he was attacked with phlegmenous erysipelas of the fractured arm; when this was subdued, it was considered necessary to remove the arm, which was done, and the case proceeded favourably until Thursday, when diarrhoea supervened, under which and extreme debility he sunk. Verdict, died from the effects of injuries accidentally received. *Herald, Feb. 18.*

FATAL ACCIDENTS. - On Wednesday an inquest was held at Clarke's, the Circular Quay Hotel, on view of the body of **HENRY THOMAS, THEN THERE LYING DEAD.** **THOMAS MITCHELL**, watchman at Mr. **CAMPBELL'S** store,

deposed that about 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning, he was proceeding to the far end of the Quay, where Mr. Campbell has some oil, when a man, either as soldier or a marine, called out that his mate had fallen down the precipice; witness and another watchman got a light, and on searching, found the deceased lying at the foot of the precipice, but quite dead; the marine or soldier had then gone; the body was then removed to Clarke's public-house, and a doctor sent for, who saw the body in about an hour after its having been found. The jury went to view the precipice alluded to, which is at a very dangerous place, sixteen to eighteen feet high, on the edge of which the footpath runs. The whole of the way, indeed, from the Quay to the Fort, is very dangerous, and has no fencing or other protection to parties passing that way at night. The master-at-arms of H.M.S. *Meander*, deposed, that deceased was a seaman on board that vessel. Dr. **ALLEYNE** deposed that falling from the height described would produce the marks found on the body, and concussion of the brain, which in this case was in all probability the cause of death. Verdict – Died from injuries accidentally received. *Herald, Feb. 15.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/589, 23/02/1850

IMMIGRANTS. - Yesterday a lad of about thirteen years old, named **EWEN CAMERON**, an immigrant per *Blonde*, died in the depot, from consumption. He had been ailing since the time of his arrival in the colony, and some little while back went to reside with some friends, hoping change of air would benefit him, but finding that he continued sickly, he returned to the depot, to be under regular medical treatment; he still continued to get worse, and died yesterday.

DEATH FROM LIGHTNING. - On Monday morning an inquest was held at Longford's, the Australian Inn, Parramatta-street, on view of the body of **FRANCIS MARTIN**. **WILLIAM ASKEW**, residing at Cooper's-row, Chippendale, deposed that about half-past five o'clock on Sunday afternoon, during the thunderstorm, he heard a crash, and ran out of his house; heard a little girl in Martin's house scream, "My father! My father!" and seeing the door open, witness went in and saw deceased and his wife lying on the floor; raised deceased and got some water, but he was quite dead; a Mrs. **GODDARD** picked up Mrs. Martin, and she is recovering; there was a strong sulphuric smell in the house; witness had no doubt that the lightning had struck the deceased; some of the bricks had gone from the top of the chimney, and the house next door is much shattered – the end is knocked out of it. Dr. **CUTHILL**, surgeon, deposed that from the appearance of the body he had no doubt that death was caused by lightning. Died by having been struck by lightning. *Herald, Feb. 20.*

ACCIDENTS, &c. - During the thunderstorm with which the city was visited on Sunday afternoon, a man named **MARTIN**, and his wife, residing at Chippendale, were struck by the lightning, killing the man and severely injuring the woman. ... About the same time, three men were in a boat fishing off the Market Wharf, a sudden gust of wind capsized the little boat, and one of the men, named **HARPUR**, was drowned. On Sunday morning, the body of a woman named **ROSANNA BRENNAN** [might be **Rose Moreton?**], was found drowned near the Flour Company's Wharf. *Herald, Feb. 19.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/590, 27/02/1850

On the 4th September last, and in lat. 0 [degrees] 35' N, long. 166 [degrees] 14' E., the barque *Millwood*, Captain **DEANE**, picked up a boat belonging to the *George Champlin*, Captain **SWAIN**, of Newport, with Mr. **FRANCIS**, the fourth officer of that vessel, and the boat's crew. They had been several days adrift without food or

water, and a youth of sixteen, named **PATRICK IRVIN**, said to be a native of Sydney, died in twenty-four hours after being taken on board the *Millwood*.

SUDDEN DEATH. - Mrs. **BEADMAN**, who formerly kept an inn near Berrima, dropped down dead one day last week. Her death was produced by natural causes. *Goulburn Herald, Feb.23.*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was held on board the ship *Anglia*, on Monday last, on view of the body of **JOHN W. COLLIER**, between fourteen and fifteen years of age, and an immigrant by that vessel to Sydney. **FREDERICK SAUNDERS**, Steward of the *Anglia*, deposed, that on Saturday morning he sent to the deceased about a gill of spirits, for which he had on several occasions during the voyage importuned him, without success. **OCTAVIUS ALFRED BABBAGE**, cabin boy, deposed that he was the messenger by whom the Steward sent the spirits to the deceased, who was cleaning knives for the cuddy at the time; did not see the deceased drink the spirits; about an hour after he was walking the deck without any appearance of intoxication. **CHARLES THOMS**, cook, deposed, that about half-past nine o'clock on Saturday morning, deceased fell, and appeared as if intoxicated, and threw liquor off his stomach. **WILLIAM COLLIER**, father of the deceased, deposed, that on Saturday morning, Thoms, the last witness, told him that his son was ill, on which witness went, took him off the deck, and laid him on a chest; in a quarter of an hour afterwards witness saw him again - he was asleep; deceased did not speak; witness did not think he was tipsy, nor was he aware of his having had anything to drink; after dinner, hearing that deceased was very ill, witness again went to him, and found him apparently in a fit, when he (witness) sent for a doctor; he died on Saturday evening. **SAMUEL KENNEDY**, M.D., and Surgeon Superintendent of the ship, deposed that about twenty minutes past five on Saturday afternoon, he was called to see the deceased; from the appearance he thought deceased was labouring under epilepsy, and treated him accordingly; but upon afterwards being informed that deceased had taken a quantity of spirits, he (Dr. Kennedy) was of opinion that that had brought on a fit of apoplexy, of which he had died. Verdict, died from the effects of having taken a quantity of spirits. *Herald, Feb. 27.*

BATHURST. - FATAL ACCIDENT. - A coroner's inquest was held on Wednesday 20th, at Mr. R. Gray's inn, Kelso, on the body of **PATRICK MURPHY**, who had died the previous night; the deceased had been in the employ of Mr. **WILLIAM CUMMINGS**, at Winburndale; on the morning of that day he had left Kelso, mounted on a young spirited horse, and leading another; when within a short distance of the residence of Mr. **FORD**, at Kelso, the horse deceased was riding reared and threw the man, who falling on his head, his skull was fractured; when down, the horse kicked him in the chest. Doctors **O'CONNELL** and **MACHATTIE** attended him, but could render no effectual aid. He lingered for several hours, and then died. *Herald Correspondent.*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Saturday, an inquest was held at Mrs. **SIMES'**, the Pilot Inn, Parramatta-street, on view of the body of **JOHN WILLIS REID**, a man of about 70 years of age, who met with his death in the following circumstances;- **THOMAS STANLEY** deposed, that on Friday he and deceased went with a cart to Cook's River for a load of wood; on their way home the mare made a rush, and when deceased went forward to stop the animal, she trampled on his foot, knocked him down, and the wheel of the cart went over his body; deceased was immediately removed to Trimley's public house, where, in about ten minutes from the time of the accident, he expired. Verdict, died from injuries accidentally received. *Herald, Feb. 25.*

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. - On the afternoon of Thursday a carrier named **EDWARDS** was proceeding along the Singleton road with his dray and team, and stopped behind for a time at the foot of Harper's Hill, allowing his son, a boy of twelve years old, to drive on the dray; when he overtook them again, however, he was shocked to find his son lying on the road, almost insensible. The poor lad stated that as they were proceeding up the hill one of the wheels got suddenly into a rut, and the jerk threw him off, when one of the wheels passed over his body. Medical assistance was sent for, and Dr. **M'CARTNEY** went out, and found the poor boy's extremities quite paralysed, and marks of injury on the face, head, and side of the chest, as if the wheel had come heavily against and grazed him, rather than gone over him. Dr. M'Cartney remained with him till the evening, and then returned to a patient at Lochinvar. Yesterday morning he again went to see young Edwards, and found him so seriously ill as to require constant attention, and he therefore directed the father to have him brought in to the hospital.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/591, 02/03/1850

MAITLAND CIRCUIT COURT.

Five cases have been added to the Circuit Court calendar since our publication of Wednesday week, as follows:- **GEORGE REYNOLDS**, manslaughter, committed by the coroner; ...

CORONER'S INQUEST. - Yesterday (Wednesday) an inquest was held at Mr. Neal's, the Cross Keys Inn, before **HENRY GLENNIE**, Esq., and a jury of twelve, touching the death of **CATHERINE GOULDING**, an old inhabitant of this district, and generally known by the name of Mrs. **HUNT**. The jury having viewed the body, proceeded to examine the witnesses; **ANNE HUNT**, the daughter of the deceased, **MARY JONES**, a next door neighbour, and Dr. **STOLWORTHY**, when the following evidence was adduced. On the evening of Tuesday, at about four o'clock, deceased's daughter had left her at home, washing, but on her return found that she had gone into Mrs. Jones's, next door, the worse for liquor. Upon going in after her she found deceased lying on the bed, with her face downwards, and breathing heavily. Witness turned deceased over on her side, when shortly after deceased drew one very long breath and expired. Mary Jones deposed that on the evening mentioned deceased came into her house intoxicated, when she persuaded her to return home, which deceased would not do, but sat down upon a chair, from which she shortly afterwards fell off on to the floor. Witness obtained the assistance of two young girls, and had put her on to the bed. Deceased's daughter afterwards came in, and presently discovered she was dead. Dr. Stolworthy's evidence went to show that on the evening of the 27th deceased's daughter came for him, requesting him to come and see her mother, who she said was either dead or dying. Upon his arrival there he found her mother quite dead, and the mouth covered with froth. It was his opinion that deceased died from suffocation. The jury retired for about five minutes, and returned with a verdict of died from suffocation while in a state of intoxication.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was on Tuesday held at Mr. Driver's, Three Tuns Tavern, King-street, on view of the body of **WILLIAM SMITH**, then lying dead in the Sydney Infirmary. On Sunday evening deceased was found by constable **KENNY**, lying in a gateway at the lower end of Market-street, quite insensible, and smelling strongly of liquor; he put deceased in a cab and drove to the Infirmary, where he was seen and attended to by Messrs. **NATHAN** and **HOUSTON**, but without avail, as he died early on Monday morning. Mr. Nathan, surgeon, deposed that in his opinion the death of the deceased was the result of congenital apoplexy,

produced in all probability by intoxication – in accordance with which evidence the jury found their verdict. *Herald, Feb.28.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/592, 06/03/1850

INHUMANITY. - An inquest was held yesterday at the gaol, Darlinghurst, before **JOHN RYAN BRENNAN**, Esq., on the body of **ANN TELL**, then and there lying dead. From the evidence of **SUSAN MACNAMARA**, residing in York-street, aunt of the deceased, it appeared that deceased was the wife of Mr. **JOHN TELL**, who formerly kept a public-house at the corner of Pitt and Market-streets, but who a short time since went to California. The deceased had had six children, only one of which was now living; she was about four months gone with child. Her husband left her without any means of support; she employed herself in doing needlework, but her health failed her from fretting at her husband's absence, and the want of proper nourishment; she was turned out of her lodgings on Wednesday, not having the means to pay for them. On Tuesday witness went to the Asylum with deceased; she said she was sure if Mr. **STACK** would take her in she would recover, as it was only weakness she was suffering under; he refused to admit her, and told her to take her to the hospital; he gave witness an order to the infirmary, from whence she was sent to the Colonial Secretary's office, where witness got a signed paper; they refused to take her into the Infirmary, and they kept deceased and witness waiting there from twelve until four o'clock; it was Mr. **HOUSTON** who refused to receive deceased; he said she was deranged, witness told him it was weakness; the deceased fainted in the street; that night she slept in her lodgings; on Wednesday witness went with deceased again to the Infirmary; Dr. **TIERNEY** was there, who wished her to be taken in, but Dr. Houston refused; Dr. Tierney directed deceased to be taken to the Police-office for protection. On Thursday she was brought before the Mayor, who sent a constable with her, stating that he (the Mayor) would pay all the expenses. Dr. Houston still refused to take her in, and she was returned to the police office, when the Mayor again sent her to the Asylum, with an order for admission there; but a stout man (she believes Dr. **RUSSELL**) said, "Go away, go away, you won't be taken in here." Witness went to both places with the deceased, whom the Mayor afterwards sent to the gaol for protection. She subsequently died there. The coroner stated, that on account of the information in the case, it was necessary to sift it to the bottom, he was therefore compelled to adjourn it till two o'clock on the following day, Saturday. *Herald, March 2.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/592, 06/03/1850

THE DEATH OF MRS. FELL. - On Saturday the inquest on the body of this unfortunate woman (the report of the first day's proceedings will be found on our fourth page) was resumed. It appeared from the evidence of Mr. **E.M. STACK**, master of the Benevolent Asylum, Dr. **J.C. RUSSELL**, resident surgeon of the Benevolent Asylum, Dr. **H. HOUSTON**, house-surgeon of the Sydney Infirmary, Dr. **TIERNEY**, Dr. **RUTTER**, Dr. **O'BRIEN**, and **EDWARD HONNER**, dispenser at the gaol, that on Tuesday last Fell was taken to the Benevolent Asylum by her aunt, but Dr. Russell considering that she was labouring under an aberration of intellect, she was refused, as not being eligible by the rules of that institution; Mr. Stack gave her a subscriber's order for her admission to the Infirmary; there one of the district surgeons saw her, and pronounced her not a fit inmate for that institution; an order for her admission from the Colonial Secretary was procured, conditional on her being a fit subject for treatment, and with this order the unfortunate woman was again taken to

the Infirmary on Wednesday, but Dr. **M'FARLANE** pronounced her not a fit subject for admission, and Dr. Houston gave her a note recommending her admission into the Benevolent Asylum; this note was counter-signed by Mr. **ALLEN**, but the poor woman was refused admission by Dr. Russell, who scored on the note "case of mental aberration;" the Mayor now again appealed to, and he humanely gave her a note requesting her admission in to the Infirmary, and promising to pay every expense himself; Dr. Macfarlane, however, was not there at the time, and Dr. Houston refused to take her in on his own responsibility; Dr. Tierney, who had also tried in vain to aid the poor woman's admission into one or other of the institutions, saw her friends with her in the street on Thursday; after this last appeal, in a state of despair, and on his recommendation she was at last taken to the police office for protection, and was placed in the watch-house; Dr. Rutter saw her lying here in a state of complete prostration and insensibility, and he immediately saw the Superintendent of Police, and suggested that, as neither of the public institutions would receive her, she should be committed as a vagrant, in order to her (sic) admission into the gaol hospital, which was done; Dr. O'Brien, hearing of this, gave instant instructions that on her arriving at the gaol she should be placed in the hospital, and nourishment be given her, as he would be away himself on duty all night; Honner, the dispenser, complied with Dr. O'Brien's instructions, but the poor woman was past all human help, and could not take any nourishment, and when Dr. O'Brien saw her early next morning (Friday), he found her in a dying state, and in a few hours afterwards she expired. Dr. Tierney and Dr. O'Brien performed a *post mortem* examination, the result of which was the conviction that the poor woman died rather of exhaustion than of any particular disease. The jury found that Ann Fell died of exhaustion, arising from want of proper nourishment and timely necessary medical attention, accompanying their verdict with the following rider: - "The jury wish to express their sense of the impropriety both of Dr. Houston and Dr. Russell's continued refusal to admit deceased into either the Infirmary or the Asylum, on the orders of the Mayor and the Colonial Secretary." *Abridged from the Herald, March 4.*

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

THURSDAY, February 28.

MOSES JONES was indicted for the murder of **MARY ANNE PANTONY**, otherwise **MARY ANNE JONES**, at George's River, on the 29th November. The following evidence was given:- **JAMES SHEPHERD**, constable in the Liverpool police, deposed that he knew the prisoner and Mary Anne Pantony; they lived together in a house at George's River; on the 11th December he went with the chief constable of Liverpool to prisoner's house; the prisoner was not at home, but his son was, and he took them about four miles into the bush, to a place called the Chain of Ponds; there they found a dress, and the skull bones and other partial remains of a human body; the dress was like the one in which the late Mary Anne Pantony used to dress; the flesh had been gnawed off the bones by dogs. There were no marks on the skull; there was a quantity of long hair mixed with grey on the ground; the deceased had similar coloured hair; the body was found on a by-road, about half-way between Brydall's inn and the river; the clothes produced were the same as those witness found by the body; there were five or six teeth in the skull; knew the deceased wanted teeth in the front of her mouth; from information received, he went immediately to a person named **WALLACE**, at Bankstown, where he found the prisoner, and took him in charge, and when the chief constable came up, took him to Liverpool; on the road he said they were treating him very bad, and that they would have to prove it against him yet, as they did not see him do it. The chief constable corroborated this evidence.

JOHN JONES, son of the prisoner, was called, but appeared to be of such imperfect intellect that the Judge declined to take his evidence, though expressing a doubt whether the boy was not shamming. The prisoner was acquitted and discharged.

MANSLAUGHTER. – A female named **MARGARET LYNAM** was on Wednesday committed for trial, by a coroner's jury, for having caused the death of an infant of about three weeks, named **GORMAN**. The evidence disclosed about as great a scene of depravity as can be imagined. It appeared that late on Monday afternoon the prisoner, being seen with the infant in a half naked state near the residence of its parents in John-street, and at which time she was greatly intoxicated, she was prevailed on by a neighbour to go into Gorman's house, and some hour or two afterwards was observed to be lying asleep on a sofa. In the course of the subsequent hour an elder brother of the deceased's, on returning home, found the infant dead, having been suffocated by the prisoner's over-laying it. The father, on being examined, admitted that both he and his wife had been throughout the day in a helpless state of intoxication, and that they had to be awoke from a drunken sleep to be told of the death of the infant. *Bell's Life, 2nd March.*

FATAL ACCIDENT. - An inquest was held on Tuesday, and by adjournment on Wednesday, at Mr. Driver's, the Three Tuns Tavern, King-street, on view of the body of a man named **RICHARD MATTHEWS**, then lying dead at the Infirmary. He was taken to the Infirmary on Saturday evening, in a state of insensibility, having a cut on the left arm and another on the head; he was attended by Dr. **NATHAN** until Monday evening, when he expired. From the evidence of **OWEN MALEY** it appeared that on Saturday the deceased was at work on a building near the gaol, which was undergoing some repairs; he had been drinking all day; and in the afternoon, on descending a ladder with a hod on his shoulder, he missed his step (about the sixth from the bottom), and fell against the door-post, inflicting the wounds on his head and arm. Verdict, died from injury accidentally received while in a state of intoxication. *Herald, March 1.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/593, 09/03/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - **PATRICK MURPHY**, late overseer to Mr. **CUMMINS**, of Clear Creek, met his death under the following circumstances:- Shortly after noon he was discovered lying on the ground near Mr. **FORD**'s garden, at Kelso, in a state of insensibility. Several of the neighbours quickly arrived at the spot, and lifting him from the ground, were carrying him home, when after proceeding a short distance, he wished to walk. After proceeding a few yards, he was unable to do so, and was conveyed by the men to the house of Mr. **RILEY**, of Kelso. Upon entering the house, he exclaimed that he was a dying man, and so it unfortunately proved, for he breathed his last the same evening (Tuesday). The exact manner in which the accident occurred is not known, but the horse he was riding was found a short distance from where he lay with the bridle bit broken. Drs. **MACHATTIE** and **CONNELL** were quickly in attendance, and upon examining him, found the imprint of a horse's hoof upon his breast, which shows that in addition to being thrown, he must have been either kicked or trampled upon by the horse. A severe concussion of the brain had also occurred. His sufferings were very severe up to the time of his death, and he was unable to utter a word after entering the house. An inquest was held over his remains before the district coroner on the following day, and a verdict of accidental death recorded. *Bathurst Free Press, March 2.*

MAITLAND CIRCUIT COURT.

Friday, March 8, 1850

(Before his Honor Mr. Justice Therry)

GEORGE REYNOLDS, committed on the coroner's warrant on a charge of manslaughter, was discharged by proclamation, on the motion of Mr. **PUREFOY**.

SUDDEN DEATH. - On Thursday an inquest was held before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, at the Cottage of Content, East Maitland, on the body of **RICHARD ARRISS**. It appeared that deceased, who was between 34 and 35 years old, had long been labouring under a disease of the heart, which caused him on the slightest exertion to become quite exhausted, so that he had to rest for some time to recover himself; he often complained also of palpitation of the heart. Arriss was not however under medical treatment, but resided at the butcher's shop of Mr. **CLIFT**, East Maitland, where he was employed as a cook, more to provide him with a home than for the amount of work he was able to do. On Wednesday evening Arriss appeared cheerful and easier than usual, but on Thursday morning, before breakfast, he appeared to be suffering much pain about the heart; he recovered again, and cooked the breakfast, of which he partook heartily. During the morning he appeared much as usual, and at one o'clock served up the dinner; he then went back to the kitchen. **RICHARD STAMMERS**, employed at the shop as butcher, at this time left the premises to carry a newspaper to a person, and was away about ten minutes; when he returned he went to the kitchen and was surprised to see Arriss lying on the floor, his head lying towards the fireplace, and a stool just behind him, as if he had been sitting on it, and had fallen forwards. Stammers lifted him, and found that he could not speak, and indeed appeared quite dead; Stammers ran for Mr. **JOSEPH CLIFT**, who was in the shop, and who came instantly, and had Arriss placed on his bed, but he was quite dead; from his position on the floor the witnesses thought he must have died as soon as he had fallen, without a struggle. The sum of £2 was found in his pockets. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Thursday, early in the afternoon, two men, named **PATRICK SHEA** and **ROBERT PATSFIELD [PATEFIELD]**, bullock-drivers in charge of drays belonging to Mr. **W. DANGAR**, stopped with their teams at the Red Lion public-house, Lochinvar; the men were accompanied by a female, a blind man, and a black boy, and all of them except the boy went into the public-house and drank rum until they were intoxicated, Patsfield becoming very drunk; when they left the inn they took a bottle of rum with them to drink on encamping. Patsfield's team was first off, and he had gone but a short distance on the road when a person named **ALEXANDER BOURKE** met the dray; Bourke saw that the black boy was driving the team, that the blind man was sitting on the top of the dray, intoxicated, and that Patsfield was sitting on the pole, so intoxicated that he was swaying about from side to side, in such a dangerous manner that Bourke called to the black boy to put Patsfield on the top of the dray for protection; the black boy, however, did not appear to observe the cry, and the dray passed on. Constable **JAMES DWYER** had seen the drunken bullock-drivers at the inn, and he and the innkeeper had in vain tried to persuade Patsfield to stop for the night, as he was so drunk; Dwyer had gone home, leaving the party at the inn, and returning was alarmed to find that Patsfield was off with his dray, for he was certain the man was not in a fit state to take care of himself, much less of a dray; he therefore hurried after the dray, and met Bourke, who told him what he had seen, and that he thought the man not in a fit state to travel; Dwyer hastened on, but only got sight of the dray at the moment that he heard a cry from the black boy; on getting to the spot Dwyer was shocked to see Patsfield lying in the road, his head literally crushed in, and his brains scattered; the unfortunate man was of course quite dead, and the black boy said he was riding on the pole before he fell; on

Dwyer's rising from examining the body he was surprised to see that the black boy had bolted, no doubt through fright, nor had anything been seen of him up to last evening. The blind man was so drunk that he could give no account, and Shea and his dray were so far behind that he saw nothing of the fatal occurrence. An inquest was held on the body yesterday before Mr. **PARKER**, and Dr. **M'CARTNEY** certified that the fracture of the head must have caused instant death, and was such a fracture as would be caused by the wheel of a dray passing over the head. A verdict was returned that deceased came by his death by falling off his dray when in a state of intoxication. **MISSING CHILD**, aged 3, Matthews, 23rd February at Barraba.

INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS. - The insolvent, **JOHN FELL**, not appearing, his application for a certificate was struck out.

SYDNEY INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.

At the monthly meeting of the directors of this institution, held yesterday (Tuesday), the Honourable **E. THOMSON**, President, in the chair, the case of the unfortunate Mrs. **ANN FELL** was brought under notice of the meeting, when, upon the motion of Mr. **SAMUEL LYONS**, seconded by the Reverend **A.A. ATTWOOD**, it was "Resolved that the case of the late Mrs. Fell be referred to the weekly committee to make all due enquiry respecting it, and the alleged conduct of the house surgeon, and report the result to the next monthly meeting." We are glad to find that the committee are acting in this matter, for the public feeling is too strong to allow it to be slurred over. Herald, March 2.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/594, 13/03/1850

ATTEMPT AT MURDER, AND SUICIDE. - Intelligence has been received in town of a frightful catastrophe at Drayton, and which, it appears, was the result of drunkenness. A man named **JEREMIAH MALONEY [MAHONEY]** had been drinking to excess, and on Sunday evening last, during a fit of *delirium tremens*, applied to Mr. **MEHAN**, of the Downs Inn, for liquor, which Mr. Mehan refused to supply; whereupon Maloney went out to the verandah, and took from a bundle which he had placed there a loaded pistol, and levelling it at Mr. Mehan, fired. The ball passed through Mr. Mehan's leg, at the back of the knee. The wretched man then took a second pistol from the same place, and shot himself in the head. We are informed that he lived for nine hours afterwards, under the treatment of a medical gentleman at Drayton; at the end of that time he expired. Our informant states that the wound in Mr. Mehan's leg is not dangerous, being above the knee joint. *Moreton Bay Courier, March 2.*

INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Monday, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, on the body of **JANE VAUGHAN**, a girl aged six years and a half, daughter of **MATTHEW VAUGHAN**. It appeared from the evidence that Vaughan had been seen burying the body on his own ground, and by himself, about Tuesday, the 5th March, and the circumstance was mentioned among the neighbours, and it was also reported that the little girl had been seen well, and playing about, twenty-four hours, and that Vaughan had called in no medical man when she was taken ill. These reports reached the coroner's ears at the close of the week, and he immediately had the body exhumed, that an inquest might be held. It appeared, however, that Vaughan did, about Monday, the 4th, apply to Mr. **NAINBY**, druggist, for advice, telling Mr. Nainby that she had been unwell for some time, and that, hoping to benefit her, he (Vaughan) had given her a dose of rum, or rum and water, and that ever since she had been insensible, or else in a fit. Mr. Nainby gave Vaughan some medicine, telling him that the quantity of rum he mentioned was not enough to injure the child but that

he did not approve of giving children rum. No positive evidence as to when the child died or was buried was adduced. Dr. **WILTON** performed a *post mortem* examination, and found the lungs, stomach, and bowels very much diseased, but no so much but what medical skill could have effected a cure; he found no trace of any spirituous or noxious article, and although great neglect must have been exhibited by the parents, he felt no doubt that death was the result of natural causes. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes, and attached a rider strongly blaming the father for not having called in medical assistance when the poor girl was taken dangerously ill.

CORONER'S INQUESTS. - An inquest was on Saturday held at Mr. Frawley's The Harp of Erin, York-street, on view of the body of **JOHN MURRAY**, then lying dead in the receiving warehouse. Deceased was found between one and two o'clock in the morning, by Sergeant **HIATT**, of the Sydney police, on a heap of stones in Goulburn-street, in a state of insensible and helpless intoxication. A barrow was procured, and deceased conveyed to the watch-house. He was placed in a cell, and at about six o'clock Sergeant **CUNNINGHAM**, the watch-house keeper, went in to ascertain his name, but finding him still speechless, had him removed to the guard bed; as deceased was then getting worse, he was taken into the hall, and Mr. **RUTTER** was sent for, who was immediately in attendance; deceased lingered until about half-past three P.M., when he expired. Mr. Rutter, medical practitioner, deposed, that from the history of the case, and the appearance, in his opinion the deceased was labouring from an attack of apoplexy, which caused his death. Deceased was about fifty years of age, and had but recently arrived in Sydney in charge of a team belonging to Mr. **BLACKMAN**, of Mudgee. The jury found a verdict of died from apoplexy while in a state of intoxication. - *Herald, March 11.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/595, 16/03/1850

A CASE FOR POLICE INTERFERENCE. - We are sorry to learn that the waterhole at the corner of Elgin and West-streets (Early's Terrace), West Maitland, is again in a state dangerous to human life. It will be recollected that on the evening of the 15th of August, 1848, [inquest 16/08/1848] the dead body of a little boy, named **JAMES M'CARTEN [M'CARTER]**, was taken out of this hole. Some time before this fatal occurrence **JOHN TURNER**, the well-known omnibus driver, had purchased the allotment of ground at the corner of Elgin and West-streets, and found that his allotment extended into about the middle of what was then an exposed and open waterhole, of considerable depth in the middle, (having years since been dug by brick-makers), and the bottom so retentive that during the seven years we have been in Maitland the water hole has never been dry. Turner was naturally desirous of making the whole of his ground available, particularly as the corner included in the waterhole was a good building situation; he therefore endeavoured to fill up the hole, and unfortunately took advantage of a large heap of stable manure lying at the back of the Albion Inn, and threw in load after load of this manure. A consequence followed which he had never anticipated; after he had persevered for a few weeks the hole, to all appearance, looked as if rapidly filling up, and in a short time the surface presented the appearance of an extensive surface of stable manure, no water being visible except at a small spot in the middle. In the *Mercury* of 16th August, 1848, we recorded that no less than seven accidents had happened that week, by persons, deceived by appearances, inadvertently walking or riding on to this surface, and finding on a sudden that they were sinking in a body of water beneath, and were so entangled and embarrassed by the mixture of manure, straw, and water that they could scarcely make

any effort to save themselves. Fortunately in each case help was at hand and they were assisted out; in one case a young woman walked on and suddenly sunk up to her neck, and had not her cry been heard, and great promptitude been displayed by the persons who ran to her assistance, she must have been quickly smothered. The poor boy, James M'Carten, On Tuesday, the 8th of August, left his home to go to the Maitland races, and was last seen in Elgin-street, sunning along in boyish glee; from that moment he was never seen alive, but some days afterwards it was reported that a cap had been seen in the waterhole, and on the evening of the 15th August the hole was searched, and his dead body found nearly in the middle, where the water was many feet deep under the straw. In all human probability the poor boy had run on to the mass of manure, and had suddenly sunk underneath, where no human aid could reach him. After this fatal occurrence Turner and two other persons fenced in the hole, and in consequence of the request of the coroner's jury, Mr. **DAY**, our then police magistrate, represented the matter to the government; and with their sanction he closely paled round the waterhole, if such it could be called. Since that time Turner resold his ground, and two dwellings have been put up on it in West-street. Recently, some one has removed the portion of the paling fence which stood on private ground, and although as paling fence has been run to the hole even with the lines of Elgin-street and West-street, yet an opening has been left at which any person can enter, and even if this were closed, the children of the families inhabiting the two dwellings have free access to the banks of the hole, which still presents the appearance of mixed dung and water. On Friday evening, the 8th, we hear that a little boy, whose parents live in one of these dwellings, got too far on the hole, and he was saved with difficulty. And we feel persuaded that other accidents will be caused by the deceptive appearance of the hole unless it is again fenced closely in. As that locality, in consequence of the Bourke-land sale, has increased in value as a building site, we suggest to the present proprietor whether it would not pay him to fill the hole up, and make it firm ground, not using manure for the purpose, of course, but broken bricks, coal cinders, or any firm rubbish.

DEATH BY DROWNING. - Last evening, about six o'clock, an elderly man, named **JOHN O'KEEFE**, who had been for the last fortnight hanging about a house in Port Maitland, West Maitland, in a state of drunkenness, and had latterly exhibited a singular manner in roaming about, was seen to walk quietly into the river, opposite Mr. **M'DOUGALL's**, and to feel his way with a stick, till he suddenly disappeared on reaching the deepest part of the river. A woman, who from a distance had noticed with surprise the singular action of the old man, instantly gave the alarm, and the neighbours hurried to the spot, but from the swift current just below the falls they could not for some time succeed in finding the body. At length with a long pole Mr. **WILLIAM LLOYD** felt the body in about ten or twelve feet of water, and it was immediately raised, having been under water about half an hour; the old man was quite dead. The deceased was recently a shepherd in the employment of Mr. **T. CRAWFORD**, of the Wollombi, and had left about three weeks since, and come down to Maitland. He was an old inhabitant of the colony, having been here since early manhood, and has, we believe, left no relatives in the colony. An inquest will probably be held on the body today.

REPORTED DISCOVERY OF A MURDER ON THE WILLIAM RIVER. - About May, 1844, the wife of a blacksmith named ----- **MULDOON**, who resided at Penshurst, Upper Paterson, left home to visit her father, ----- **CAMPBELL**, who resided near Seaham, on the Lower William River. The rivers rose, and she was away some little time, and her husband became enraged, and uttered threats of beating her

on her return for being so long. At length Muldoon also left home, apparently to go for his wife, who was about the same time on her return home, accompanied by her brother, and a man named **RAFFERTY**, who had lived at Penshurst in great intimacy with her. Muldoon called at a friend's house on his way, early in the morning, and conversed for a few minutes, and then proceeded on, but was never seen again. Suspicions were excited against his wife and Rafferty, increased by Mrs. Muldoon's being possessed of a watch believed to have belonged to her husband, but nothing could be found of Muldoon or his remains, nor was anything brought home to the suspected parties. Quite recently, in a singular manner, Mrs. Muldoon, who has since her husband's disappearance lived with Rafferty, has been led or frightened into making a statement which has caused the apprehension of Rafferty and her brother, the first on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of Muldoon, and the second of being present. Subsequently young Campbell has taken the chief constable to a spot about two miles beyond Oakendale, where some bones were found, and on the bones an inquest was commenced before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, on Thursday, and a warrant issued for Mrs. Muldoon's apprehension. The inquest was then, we believe, adjourned for a week.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN STANLEY, R.N. - We have the painful duty of announcing the death of Captain **OWEN STANLEY**, of H.M.S. *Rattlesnake*, which took place yesterday morning. Captain Stanley's health had been gradually giving way under the fatigue and anxieties attendant upon the arduous duty of surveying in a tropical climate; on his passage from the Louisiade Islands to Sydney he was very ill; at Cape York he first heard of the death of his brother, Captain **C.E. STANLEY**, R.E., and on his arrival in Sydney he was informed of the death of his father, the late Bishop of Norwich. These bereavements preyed on his mind, and acting upon a system already much debilitated, ended fatally, the gallant officer having been seized with an epileptic fit yesterday morning, and died about eight o'clock. Captain Stanley was well known and much respected in Sydney, where he had a large circle of friends. *Herald, March 14.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/596, 20/03/1850

SUICIDE. - On Saturday an inquest was held before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, on the body of **JOHN O'KEEFE**, the old man whose death by drowning on Friday evening we recorded in Saturday's *Mercury*. The facts are nearly as we gave them. It appeared from the evidence that O'Keefe had, since he left Mr. **CRAWFORD's**, been living in Maitland, keeping about the houses of two women, Mrs. **LUG [LUGG]** and Mrs. **PERCOX**, residing at Port Maitland, getting drunk in their houses, and subsequently being seen lying out on the grass in the sun and dew; this occurred several times, and at length O'Keefe wandered in his conversation, and did not appear to know what he was doing; Mr. Crawford had paid his wages into the hands of Mr. **C. FLOOD**, residing at Port Maitland, and O'Keefe had drawn sums from time to time, and one day last week, in the presence of witnesses, he drew the last sum; O'Keefe was after this seen drunk for the last time in company with these women, although he had been warned to keep away from them; on Friday morning Mr. Flood saw the poor old man lying on the grass as usual, and on speaking to him, found he had had nothing to eat, and at Mr. Flood's invitation the old man accompanied him home, and got breakfast; Mr. Flood advised him to go back to Mr. Crawford's employ, but the old man appeared to have lost all recollection of who Mr. Crawford was. During that day he wandered about, and in the evening about six was seen by two witnesses to kneel down at the river side as if to drink, and, on rising, to walk

quietly into the water, feeling his way with his stick, till he suddenly disappeared; an alarm was given, but it was nearly an hour before the body was recovered, by Mr. **LLOYD**, quite dead. No money was then found in the old man's pockets. The jury returned the following verdict – "We find that the deceased, John O'Keefe, destroyed himself by drowning, while labouring under *delirium tremens*, and we beg to bring the conduct of the females, Mrs. **LUG** and Mrs. **PERCOX**, under the notice of the coroner, to be reprimanded or dealt with as he thinks proper." We believe the coroner intends bringing the conduct of these woman before the bench.

CHARGE AGAINST AN INNKEEPER. - Yesterday **SEPNCER BUTLER**, licensed publican, appeared before the bench, charged with a breach of the Licensing Act, by supplying a glass of rum to **ROBERT PATSFIELD**, Patsfield being drunk at the time. This charge was brought against Mr. Butler, of Lochinvar, in consequence of the circumstances that appeared on the inquest on the body of the unfortunate man, Patsfield, who it will be remembered was killed just beyond Lochinvar by the wheel of his own dray passing over his head, he having apparently fallen off the pole while drunk. The only witness called was constable **JAMES DWYER**, who however had not seen any liquor served to Patsfield or his companions at Mr. Butler's, so that he could not state whether Patsfield left more drunk than he entered it. The bench dismissed the case, the police magistrate telling Mr. Butler that he had thought it his duty to bring it forward, and that whenever similar cases were made public in any way he should deem it his duty to cause the publican to be prosecuted.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN STANLEY, R.N.

[This officer's death set off a wonderful scramble, and squabble, over 'seniority' in command, with officers and orders, counter-orders, and even ships flying about in all directions!]

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/597, 23/02/1850

DISTURBANCE IN A CHURCH AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DURING THE SERVICE. - On last Sunday afternoon, shortly after the commencement of the service, a person named **JOHN M'GRATH**, or **THOMPSON**, entered the temporary Presbyterian Church, corner of Pitt and Bathurst streets, and advanced nearly up to the pulpit, when he threw himself down, exclaiming, that he was a lost sinner, &c., and appeared to be in a state of mental derangement; he was requested to sit down and be quiet, or that he would be turned out. He took a seat and remained quiet in a low melancholy mood, and constantly putting his hands in his pockets. Fortunately, Mr. **GRANT**, who sat in the seat behind him and was watching his movements, saw the end of a razor sticking out of one of his pockets, which he had the presence of mind instantly to abstract, fearing that the owner might make some dangerous use of it either upon himself or some of the congregation; the man kept quiet for some minutes longer, but was continually feeling in his pockets as if for something he might have. In a minute or two after this, he took out a knife and made several attempts to stab himself before any one could reach him, but he was at length secured, and handed over to Inspector **PEARCE** and some constables who were promptly on the spot, who with difficulty conveyed him to the watch-house; fortunately the knife was very blunt, so that he did not do himself much damage – had the razor not been secured, he would in all probability have destroyed himself. The scene in the church baffles description – the service was obliged to be immediately abandoned. The unfortunate man was yesterday brought before the Mayor and Mr. **GILCHRIST**, and ordered to find sureties for his good behaviour for six months. He stated to the bench that he left his

house yesterday with the intention of going into the bush to put an end to his life, and that it was by mere accident he entered the church. *Herald, 19th March.*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Saturday afternoon an inquest was held at Mr. Driver's, the Three Tuns Tavern, King-street, on view of the body of **THOMAS YARD**, about thirty years of age, then lying dead in the Sydney Infirmary, where he was received on the 12th instant, and died on Friday evening. From the evidence it appeared that deceased was cook on board the *Penyard Park*. On Friday week he had occasion to go to the coal hole, and in a few minutes came up on deck limping, and said that he had fallen down with the basket underneath him; on Sunday, he complained of severe pain across his loins, and was unable to perform his work; he lay in his berth, very ill, until his removal to the Infirmary; deceased was quite sober at the time of the accident. Dr. **MACEWEN** deposed that deceased came to his death by rupture of the urethra, and the consequent extravasation of the urine; a fall such as had been described would produce those injuries. Verdict, died from injuries accidentally received. *Herald, March 18.*

OBITUARY

DEATH OF JANE EVERETT, 57 years in the Colony, later midwife and nurse.

THE LATE MRS. MOUNTFORD CLARKSON. - It will be recollected by the readers of the *Herald* THAT ABOUT SIX WEEKS SINCE Mrs. **MOUNTFORD CLARKSON** died very suddenly, which at the inquest was attributed to her having eaten heartily of a dish to which she was partial, and which in her weakly state would be likely to cause death. Yesterday, in consequence of reports reaching the coroner attributing her death to another cause, Mr. **BRENAN** issued his warrant for the exhumation of the body with a view to analysis of the contents of the stomach. *Herald, March 19.* [Marriage 36B/1850: Mountford Clarkson to Mary Smith.]

THE MURDER OF THOMAS MULDOON.

Inquest by **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner; 3 columns.

INQUEST. - In the *Mercury* of the 2nd instant we reported that a poor boy named **MATTHEW EDWARDS** had been received into the Maitland Hospital, having been seriously injured by, as he stated, his falling off his father's dray, and the wheel going over his chest, as the dray was going up Harper's Hill; his father was at the moment engaged in bringing up a stray bullock, and did not observe the accident, nor hear of it till he found his son lying on the road. In the hospital no external marks of injury could be observed on young Edwards, except a very slight mark on the chest, and a bruised line on the neck, which the poor lad said was where the wheel went over; one leg was, however, paralysed from the hip downwards. The boy lingered on until he expired on Tuesday morning last. An inquest was held on the body on Wednesday morning, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, when the above facts were stated; Dr. **M'CARTNEY**, who was first called in to see the patient, and subsequently attended him in the hospital, said that the marks of injury were not such as would enable him to state the cause of death. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, from injuries received from a dray wheel passing over deceased's chest.

THE LATE ATTEMPT AT MURDER, AND DETERMINED SUICIDE, AT DRAYTON. - We have received from our correspondent the following particulars of the above awful event, which was briefly reported in our last. It will be seen that our first information was correct in the material points, but that there was a mistake in the man's name:- On Sunday, 24th February, this place was the scene of a most fearful tragedy, which threw the whole of the inhabitants into a state of the greatest consternation. A man named **JEREMIAH MAHONEY**, who had been drinking about here for some days previously, was in Mr. **MEHAN**'s taproom on the day

alluded to, and made several applications for grog, which were invariably refused. Being highly incensed at this, he became very disorderly, and was turned outside the taproom. After leaving the tap, he remained some time on the verandah, and spoke very violently against the landlord for refusing to supply him. After talking for some time, he went to the paddock, caught his horse, and brought him in front of the tap door, and saddled him. It was remarked by parties about the place that he had a brace of pistols, but as it is not unusual for bushmen to be armed, and as the man appeared to be quite sober, no evil consequences could be anticipated by his possessing them. On the eve of his departure (as it was thought) he took a bag out of this bundle, containing about three pounds of sugar, and threw it at the tap door. This passing unnoticed, he threw stones at the tap, on which Mr. Mehan came out, and seating himself by the door, told Mahoney that if he did not desist and leave the premises, he would send for the constables and put him in the lock-up. This, instead of acting as a sedative, inflamed him the more; and at last Mr. Mehan despatched a messenger for the constables. Scarcely had the man started on his errand, when Mahoney took up one of the pistols, which were lying on the verandah at the time, and, at a distance of about seven feet, fired at Mr. Mehan; the ball took effect about an inch above the inside of the left knee, and then, horrible to relate, with the greatest coolness, and before any of the paralysed spectators could interpose, he snatched up the other pistol, stepped back about two paces, and placing it with his left hand to his forehead, pulled the trigger; the ball entered about half an inch above the left eyebrow, but must have taken an upward tendency, as he survived nearly sixteen hours after he shot himself. In a few seconds after the shots were fired, Dr. **HOPKINS** was on the ground and took the necessary steps for stopping the haemorrhage of Mr. Mehan's wound. On examination, it appeared that the ball had entered in a slanting direction, and, passing under the bone, had come out three inches higher up on the other side, fortunately without materially injuring the bone or any of the larger blood vessels. Considering the close proximity of the parties, Mr. Mehan's escape was very narrow, and was probably owing to the fact of the pistol being wretchedly out of repair. The lock and trigger were very dirty and rusty, and the effort made in discharging the weapon must have distracted the line of aim, and have considerably depressed the muzzle, otherwise I cannot account for the ball having missed Mr. Mehan's body. Under the care of Dr. Hopkins I am glad to inform you that Mr. Mehan is rapidly recovering. Mahoney being removed on a stretcher to an out house, shortly after he recovered his consciousness, and being asked by the chief constable if he knew what he had been doing, replied "Yes," and added, he was sorry to hear he had not shot the b----- b-----.

He spoke very coherently on every subject that was mentioned, and gave the chief constable an accurate account of the different items of property in his bundle, which, on subsequent examination, was in the minutest particulars found to be correct. On being asked whether he would not allow the prayers of his church (being a Roman Catholic) to be read him, he refused, stating that he considered it all gibberish, and that, at all events, it could be of no use to him. He told the chief constable where he had loaded his pistols; in fact, gave a history of his life, and if his tale can be credited, from his early youth he must have been an abandoned and dissipated character. He shot himself at about five o'clock p.m., at about six he recovered his consciousness, and from that time until twelve o'clock he was perfectly sensible; the most sceptical, hearing him talk, could not doubt it. About the last mentioned hour he was asked again why he fired at Mr. Mehan, and if he felt any contrition for his acts. He replied that he shot Mr. Mehan because he refused to give him a glass of rum on trust, and that, far from being sorry for having shot him, he was only sorry that he did not make

a complete job of it, and also kill the constable who was coming to take him to the lockup. He recognised the chief constable by his voice (I think after he received the ball he lost his sight), and told him that he had been talking with him at the butcher's some days before, which was correct; and it was the more remarkable as it was the only time they had ever met. Shortly after, about one o'clock on Monday morning, he fell into convulsions, which did not cease until nine o'clock, and then he died, suddenly in great pain. The above particulars were elicited in the course of an inquiry which was held before **CHARLES MALLARD**, Esq., J.P. The man was from thirty-six to forty years of age; had a very determined stern expression of countenance; and, by his own account, had been nineteen years in the colony. *Moreton Bay Courier*, March 9.

THE LATE MRS. CLARKSON. - In our yesterday's issue we mentioned that the body of the late Mrs. **MOUNTFORD CLARKSON** had been exhumed, by the order of the coroner, in order that further enquiries might be made relative to the cause of her death. Yesterday a Jury was impannelled at Mr. Nixson's, Museum Hotel, for the purpose of the inquiry. After the Court had been opened in due form, the coroner stated that he had directed the body of the late Mrs. **JEMIMA CLARKSON** to be exhumed, in consequence of circumstances which had transpired since the first enquiry of a peculiar nature. It would not, at that stage of the investigation, be expedient to state what those circumstances were; but they would be fully explained to the jury at their next sitting, after the contents of the stomach should have been properly analysed. For this purpose an adjournment of a week would be necessary, and he did not purpose, therefore, to do more than initiate the enquiry on the present occasion. The Coroner having concluded, the jury retired to view the body. On their return to the jury-room the body was identified as that of the mate Mrs. Clarkson, by **WILLIAM JARDINE**, who had placed her in her coffin at the time she was interred, six weeks ago. The coroner then directed the body to be re-interred, and adjourned the inquest until Tuesday, second of April, to afford time for analysing the contents of the stomach. The jury were bound over to attend in the usual manner; and before discharging them for the day, the coroner cautioned them most impressively not to pay the slightest of attention to any reports which might reach them in the interim with reference to the matter. *Herald*, March 20.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of the Maitland Mercury.

SIR - My attention having been called to a report of an inquest which appeared in your paper of the 15th instangt, held on the body of my daughter, **JANE VAUGHAN**, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., wherein it is stated "that I had been seen privately burying the body on my own ground about Tuesday, the 5th March;" may I beg the favour, in justification of my character, and as a means of alleviating me feelings and those of my affected wife, that you will give insertion to the following facts.

My child died on the night of Tuesday, the 5th of March, at twelve o'clock. The next morning, at six o'clock, I went to Mr. **HOUSHOLD**, an undertaker residing at Hinton, and who has charge of the burial ground. I informed him of her death, and agreed with him for making her coffin and opening the ground. The funeral took place on Wednesday evening, at five o'clock, in the presence of Mr. Houshold and several other persons.

Your report also stated "that there was no positive evidence as to when the child died or was buried."

Now I positively assert that the coroner asked me those questions before the jury, and that I answered them correctly; and that if he had any doubt of the truth of my statement he could have examined Mr. Houshold, who was in attendance, and to whom he gave directions to have the body exhumed, but that he did not do so.

As to the rider placed to the finding of the jury, in which they are made to attach blame to me for not having called in medical assistance, &c., I beg to state that the child was ailing since the month of August last, and that she had been seen several times by a medical man; and on the night of her decease, having been informed that Dr. **BROWN** was at Hinton, I went in search of him to several places (accompanied by my brother), but did not succeed in finding him, otherwise I would have solicited his assistance. On returning to my house the child died in my arms, after having been taken out of a hot bath.

I beg to refer you to the attached certificate of Mr. Houshold's, in proof of the correctness of my statements –

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

His
Matthew + Vaughan
Mark

Hinton, March 19, 1850

I hereby certify that the above named Matthew Vaughan called on me at 6 a.m. on the 6th of March, informing he of the death of his daughter, Jane Vaughan, and requesting of me to make her a decent coffin, and about 4 p.m. the same day it was conveyed to his house in a cart; I followed, and saw the child put into her coffin, decently dressed; there were several persons present; it was then put into a cart, followed by myself and four other persons to the burying ground at Hinton; was there decently interred, in the presence of myself and several other persons.

R. HOUSHOLD,
Undertaker.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/598, 27/03/1850

CHARGE OF BEING COMMON SCOLDS. - Yesterday **MARY LUGG** and **LOUISA PERCOX** appeared before the bench, charged with being common scolds. These were the two women whose names were mentioned in the report of the inquest on the body of **JOHN O'KEEFE**, published in last Wednesday's *Mercury*, and they were now brought before the bench by the Coroner, in consequence of the rider the jury appended to their verdict. Mr. **PARKER** deposed to the nature of the evidence then given before him, and he called two witnesses, who, however, could not state anything positively of the two women of their own knowledge, further than that they were often heard quarrelling and using indecent language, and that the unfortunate man O'Keefe was frequently seen drunk about their houses. The bench dismissed the case for want of sufficient evidence, cautioning the women with regard to their future conduct.

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS

[From Our Correspondents]

WOLLOMBI

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Friday last an inquest was held by the coroner, Major **SULLIVAN**, J.P., and a jury of twelve, to inquire into all particulars touching the death of **JOHANNA BOCOCK**, a girl of about ten years of age, then lying dead in a house in the township. The father, mother, and a sister of the deceased, with Dr.

DUMOULIN, were examined, from the evidence of whom it appeared that on Patrick's Day last the girl was seated with her sister on her father's dray, returning to Watagan Creek from Maitland, her father driving the team, and her mother walking a little way behind; that when within two miles of the township the girl, unknown to her father, jumped off the dray, and, unfortunately, in so doing, fell behind one of the pole bullocks, from which she received a kick in the head, which fractured her skull. Dr. Dumoulin was quickly in attendance, who, on examining the wound, pronounced her case as hopeless. She was then conveyed to the township, where she lingered until the morning of the inquest, when she expired. No blame could be attributable to the parents in this melancholy affair. The poor mother appeared in a state bordering on distraction. Verdict, accidental death. March 26, 1850.

DEATH BY DROWNING. - On Wednesday last, Mrs. **PHILLIPS**, a resident at Balmain, near the waterside, went to visit a sick neighbour, leaving the house and three young children in charge of her eldest daughter. About noon, the girl had to fetch some water, and on returning missed her brother, **GEORGE**, two years of age, and sent one of the others to look after him, the messenger returned with the intelligence that he was in the water. The poor girl made an alarm, when **THOMAS LANGFORD**, who was at work near the spot, rushed into the water and secured the body, but life was extinct. An inquest was yesterday held at Marshall's, the Balmain Hotel, when a verdict of accidental drowning was returned.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/599, 30/03/1850

THE BLACKS ON THE CLARENCE. - The sheep station of Mr. **THOMAS SMALL**, sen., of the Clarence River, was attacked in February by the blacks, and the hutkeeper, **JOHN GREY**, an exile, killed, the station plundered, and a number of sheep killed; and also a number of cattle killed at the head station. The station of Mr. **AITKEN** was also attacked, and a woman so severely beaten that fears are entertained for her recovery. *Sydney Morning Herald.*

DEATH OF AN AGED BLACK WOMAN. - On Wednesday morning an aged black gin, named **MAMMY**, was observed lying dead under a tree on the bank of the river, at the back of Mr. **LAWLESS'S** premises, West Maitland. In the course of the day an inquest was held on the body before the coroner, **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., when it appeared from Dr. **EDYE'S** evidence that her neck was dislocated, which had caused death; the old woman was perfectly blind, and it was supposed must have fallen down the bank, but no person appeared to have known of the accident till the body was seen lying there in the morning. The jury returned a verdict of death from dislocation of the neck, but how that occurred there was no evidence to show.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Thursday evening, about eight o'clock, **JOHN TINLING**, a pensioner, residing at Hinton, took his horse to water, and afterwards gave him some hay near his own door; at this time three boys were playing near, one of whom was **STEPHEN TINLING**, nearly eight years old; Mrs. Tinling called to her son for some reason, and he ran towards the door, passing close behind the horse, who kicked out, and struck the lad above the left ear; Mrs. Tinling ran out on hearing a cry from her son, and picked him up, and took him in-doors; he was then quite able to walk, and Tinling having examined the wound made by the kick, thought it did not appear serious, and the boy not complaining much, Tinling gave him a little spirits and water and put him to bed. At about half-past ten o'clock, Tinling went to bed himself and took his son in his arms; he fell asleep, but was awakened between twelve and one o'clock by the movements of his son, whom he found dying, and who expired in a few minutes afterwards. An inquest was held on the body yesterday, before Mr.

PARKER, when evidence to the above effect was given, and a verdict returned of accidental death by a kick from a horse.

MRS. A HUGHES HALLETT. - This lady left the colony for California in the *William and Mary*. The sureties, it is said, have paid the amount of their respective bonds. The result proves that the case was one in which bail ought not to have been granted. *Herald*, 25th March.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - We regret to state that a youth, aged 17, named **FRANCIS GRANT**, was thrown from his horse on Collector race course, on Tuesday last, and killed on the spot. It appeared from the evidence adduced at the inquest held on the body, that deceased, in company with a stockman named **WILLIAM JONES**, were riding round the course after the races were over, when suddenly turning inside the circle, the horses sunk in the loose black earth, and falling, pitched their riders. Grant was thrown on his head, and his horse fell on top of him; he was instantly killed. Jones was much injured by the fall, but we believe not seriously. *Goulburn Herald*, March 23.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/600, 03/04/1850

MRS. ANGELINA HUGHES HALLETT. - "This lady left the colony for California in the "William and Mary." - *Sydney Morning Herald*, March 25th. Did she, indeed? Oh! Mr. *Herald* - Mr. *Herald*, Oh! - you must or ought to know better. At any rate we do, and we repeat that Mrs. Hallett is at the present moment residing *within rifle shot of the George-street police-office!* We distinctly impeach our contemporary's veracity in such statement. The second asseveration of our elder brother, that "the sureties of the lady have paid the amount of their respective bonds," is equally true - i.e., altogether false. One of them we know to be *non est*. - *Bell's Life*, March 30.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquiry was yesterday held by the Coroner, Mr. **J.R. BRENNAN**, on board H.M.S. *Rattlesnake*, on view of the body of **JOHN WILLIAM ROWE**, about 40 years of age, then lying dead on board that vessel. Lieutenant **H.G. SIMPSON** deposed that the body, the subject of the inquiry, was that of **J.W. ROWE**, who was cook on board the *Rattlesnake*; about ten o'clock this (Tuesday) morning he was informed that one of their men was drowned off the jetty at Macquarie Fort, when he had a boat manned and proceeded thither; found there the body of the deceased lying at the bottom of the water, with the clothes on, and quite dead. **EDWARD JACKSON**, a seaman on board the *Rattlesnake*, deposed that about a quarter before ten on Monday night he saw deceased at the Circular Quay Hotel, not quite sober; on parting, deceased went towards the vessel and witness proceeded up the town. **JOHN MATTHEWS**, a seaman on board the *Rattlesnake*, found the deceased's cap on the jetty about a quarter past eleven, about a dozen yards from the spot where next morning the body of the deceased was found. Assistant Surgeon **SLOSS**, of H.M.S. *Rattlesnake*, was of opinion from the evidence and the appearances of the body that death was the result of suffocation from drowning. Verdict, found drowned, but how or by what means there is no evidence. *Herald*, March 27.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Thursday last, an inquest was held at Hancock's, Parramatta-street, on view of the body of **THOMAS OLIVER**, then lying dead at the Benevolent Asylum; **JOHN BELL** being in custody. It will be recollected that Bell was apprehended by Inspector **M'COOK** on the 18th instant for a violent assault on Oliver, a man of from 60 to 70 years of age, when Bell stated that he and Oliver had had some words the previous evening about money matters, when he was collared by the old man, and in self-defence gave him a push which caused him to fall against a

window sill, immediately after which, he (Oliver) rolled up his bed and clothes and walked away. Oliver was found in an empty house at Cook's River, in a state of insensibility, the next morning, whence Mr. M'Cook had him removed to the Benevolent Asylum, where he lingered until last Wednesday, when he expired. From the evidence adduced it seems highly probable that the old man was beat by someone subsequently to his leaving Bell's house, for it would be next to an impossibility that he should have carried away anything from the house had he there received such a beating as would produce all the external marks of violence which were spoken of by Mr. Surgeon **RUSSELL**, who "never saw a body exhibiting more marks of violence than did that of Oliver." There was, however, no evidence of him having been in any company after leaving Bell's house. The jury found a verdict of manslaughter against John Bell, who was thereupon committed by the coroner to take his trial on that charge. *Herald, March 30.*

SYDNEY NEWS.

The town is in a great state of excitement from the circumstance of Mr. and Mrs. **CLARKSON** being in custody on the coroner's warrant, in consequence of poison (sulphate of zinc, I am told) having been found in the stomach of the late Mrs. Clarkson, whose body was exhumed about a fortnight since. Evidence will be taken relative to this matter at an adjourned inquest to be holden to-morrow at the Museum Hotel, Woolloomooloo road. Two other persons have since been apprehended.

It is reported that on Wednesday night last a seaman belonging to H.M.S. *Rattlesnake*, as he was going towards Fort Macquarie, in order to get on board his vessel, saw two men closely pursuing another, whom they overtook, and having stabbed him threw the body into the water. The sailor ran after the two men, who outstripped him and escaped. Diligent search has been made for the body, which has not yet been found. [see later, Maitland Mercury 8/602, 10/04/1850]

SUDDEN DEATH. - A man named **SPENCER**, residing in Cumberland-street, but who had been employed on board the *Ajax*, lying in Neutral Bay, on board which vessel he had been accustomed to sleep during the period of his employment, was between eight and nine o'clock on Thursday evening discovered, as he lay in his bed, to be in a fit, and to have lost the use of one side. He was brought on shore as quickly as possible, and put into a cab for conveyance to his own house, before reaching which, however, he expired. An inquest was held on the body, and a verdict returned of died by the visitation of God. *Herald, April 1.*

THE LATE MRS. CLARKSON. - The gentleman to whom is committed the task of analysing the stomach, &c., of the late Mrs. **JEMIMA CLARKSON**, having made affidavit that she came to her death from the effects of poison which had been administered to her, the coroner on Saturday issued his warrant for the apprehension of **MOUNTFORD CLARKSON** and **MARY ANN CLARKSON**, late **WILSON**, on suspicion of having caused the death of the unfortunate woman. *Herald, 1st April.*

FATAL ACCIDENT. - A man named [**JOHN**] **DEVINE**, residing in Ipswich, met his death on Monday last in a most distressing manner. He was carting water, and the horse he was driving, being what is commonly called a "jib," refused at first to start with the load, but at length, making a rush, jammed the poor man between a post and the point of one of the shafts, which struck him in the breast, and inflicted an injury of which he died soon afterwards. The unfortunate deceased has left a large family. *Moreton Bay Courier, March 23.*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Tuesday an inquest was held at Oatley's, the Sportsman's Arms, Pitt-street, on view of the body of **THOMAS SMITH FITCH**. Between 7 and 8 o'clock on the preceding evening deceased was passing along Pitt-street, when he fell down in a fit; he was removed into Oatley's public-house, and Mr. Surgeon **NELSON** being sent for, he was in immediate attendance. Mr. Nelson deposed that he found the deceased labouring under severe pain over the region of the heart, and in violent cold perspiration; the countenance perfectly blanched, and no pulse at the wrist; he sent for Dr. **FULLERTON**, with whom he consulted, and such remedies were adopted as it was thought requisite. About three o'clock he died, the result of natural causes. A verdict was found in accordance with Mr. Nelson's evidence. *Herald, April 4.*

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CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

MARGARET LYNAM was indicted for causing the death of a male-infant, by overlaying it while she was in a state of intoxication, at Sydney, on the 25th February. This case was fully reported at the time. **SAMUEL** and **MARGARET GORMAN** were left laying intoxicated in their house, when the prisoner, who was also intoxicated, was seen carrying about the child, and afterwards sitting in Gorman's house with the child on her knee; subsequently, a lad, a son of Gorman's, entered the house, and saw prisoner get up from the bed and run out, and the lad, on looking at the bed, found the baby lying there, dead; the prisoner came in again immediately after crying, and saying she had laid on the child and killed it, and must suffer for it. Guilty; twelve months imprisonment. *Abridged from the S.M. Herald.*

THE LATE MRS. CLARKSON. - The adjourned inquest upon the disinterred remains of the late Mrs. **CLARKSON** was held yesterday, but was further adjourned until Friday next, without any evidence being taken beyond so much as was necessary to bring the husband of deceased and his present wife legally before the court. The whole of the jurors attended punctually at the Museum Hotel, and the Coroner proceeded at once to re-open the investigation, by stating his intention to confine the evidence on that day to such testimony as was necessary to bring into formal custody the persons whom he had caused to be apprehended on suspicion of having been accessory to Mrs. Clarkson's death. He then called constable **SINGLETON**, the police officer attached to his department, who deposed to the arrest of Mountford Clarkson, and Mary Ann, his wife, on Saturday last. Witness was in company with Inspector **PEARCE** and one or two other constables when he apprehended them, and at the time of so doing, he read the warrant wherein the accusation which led to their apprehension was set forth. Clarkson, who was in bed when they went there, declared his innocence. Mrs. Clarkson also, who seemed much agitated, denied knowing anything about the matter. Witness had known Mountford Clarkson for many years, and believed him to have been the husband of deceased. Believed the prisoner Mary Ann Clarkson to be the present wife of Mountford Clarkson. She said she would go anywhere with him, to an iron-gang if necessary. Before the examination of this witness, Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson arrived from the gaol in a cab, and were placed before the court. They declined, however, to put any questions to the witness, reserving their right of cross-examination until the adjourned sitting, when the case would be more fully gone into, and the prisoners would be defended by counsel. It was intimated that Mr. **NICHOLS** had been retained to defend them, and that Mr. **HOLROYD** would watch the proceedings at the inquest on their behalf. The Coroner informed them that they were both charged with the wilful murder of Jemima Clarkson, but that from the nature of the information then before him it was necessary that they should be further

remanded to gaol until Friday next, to afford time for still further enquiry. He did not intend, he said, to proceed to the examination of witnesses on that day, inasmuch as there were one or two who could not on that occasion be brought before the court; but when the case was gone into in detail, the witnesses might all be cross-examined by the prisoners or their counsel; and that if the case seemed to require it, he should have no objection to hear witnesses for the defence. Although he properly abstained from going into detail on that occasion, he felt bound, he said, to state that he had sufficient evidence before him to warrant him in pursuing his present course. He had thought it prudent to abstain from taking any portion of the evidence that day for two reasons – first, because these partial enquiries had a tendency to defeat the ends of justice; and, secondly, because it was unjust to the prisoners to make public evidence as to facts which might tend to inculcate them, without at the same time going into other evidence which might have a reverse effect. He believed that on Friday, the day to which the inquest would be adjourned, the whole of the evidence might be gone through, and the case terminated one way or another. With reference to Mrs. **PICKERING**, who was now present and in custody, the coroner stated that he did not mean at present to bring her formally before the court. She had been arrested in consequence of some fugitive words which had escaped her, tending to afford grounds for belief that she had a personal knowledge with reference to the hidden circumstances of this melancholy affair. Perhaps at the next sitting of the court he might put her in the witness box, or it might be that he might deem it necessary to place her at the bar, if upon enquiry among other witnesses it should appear that the suspicion against her assumed a more grave aspect than at present. The inquest was then adjourned until one o'clock on Friday next, when it will be held at the police office, George-street, and the prisoners were remanded to gaol. Their demeanour throughout was tolerably collected, and both repeatedly protested their innocence. The case caused much excitement. The room in which the court sat was crowded to excess, and great numbers assembled in the street. By the latter the prisoners were saluted with yells as they entered the carriage for the purpose of returning to gaol. In dismissing the jury, the coroner again cautioned them most strongly against allowing their minds to be prejudiced by any of the current reports having reference to this case. *Herald, April 3.*

THE CASE OF THE LATE MRS. FELL. - The board of directors of the Sydney Infirmary, at a full meeting held yesterday, adopted unanimously a report of the weekly committee respecting the case of the late Mrs. **FELL**, which had been referred to the committee. The report stated that the committee had received the written statements of Doctors **MACFARLANE** and **TIERNEY**, and of Dr. **HOUSTON**, the House Surgeon, and they were of opinion that Dr. Houston was justified in his first refusal to admit Mrs. Fell, because the case neither required medical nor surgical aid; that the statements of Mrs. Fell's aunt on the following day, to the physician of the week, that her case was one of pure destitution and not of disease, justified the physician in deciding that the case was not one for admission into the Infirmary; that after that decision Dr. Houston was bound by the rules not to admit Mrs. Fell without further direction from the physician of the week; but the committee, nevertheless, in a case that became so pressing, and where the patient had been repeatedly refused by the Asylum, and had been also recommended by different parties for admission into the Infirmary, regretted that the House Surgeon should not have ventured to disregard the strict letter of his orders, and admit Mrs. Fell, in the confidence that the step would be approved by the committee. Finally, the report recommended that in future power should be given to meet such extreme cases, and the following resolution was adopted

by the meeting, nearly in the words of the concluding paragraph of the report:- “In consequence of the painful occurrence connected with the case of the late Mrs. Fell, and in accordance with the recommendation of the weekly committee, the board of directors give full power to the Secretary, or chairman of the weekly committee, to order for admission into the Infirmary any doubtful or urgent cases such as Mrs. Fell’s, until proper provision can be made for them, either under the advice of the medical officers, or by correspondence with the Benevolent Asylum; all such cases to be reported to the weekly committee for their approval.” *Abridged from the Herald, April 3.*

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The particulars of the inquest as to the death of the late Mrs. **CLARKSON** you will find fully reported in this day’s *Herald*. Clarkson and his wife were both in custody; the former was discharged and the latter committed to take her trial for murder. Any comment upon this matter would, in the present state of affairs, be improper.

THE INQUEST ON MRS. CLARKSON
(*Abridged from the S.M. Herald, April 8.*)

The adjourned inquest on the body of the late Mrs. **CLARKSON** was resumed on Friday, in the police-office, and concluded on Saturday evening. On Friday the Coroner commenced the proceedings by detailing the circumstances of the case. Jemima Clarkson, wife of Mountford Clarkson, died suddenly on the 3rd February, and an inquest was held on her remains the following day, and a verdict of death from natural causes was returned, no suspicion appearing, nor a *post mortem* thought necessary. Near Mr. Clarkson’s house resided a person named **HENRY CANNY**, with whom had lived for many years a woman known as Mrs. Canny, and who had had children by Mr. Canny. Mrs. Clarkson and Mrs. Canny, it appeared in evidence, had been on such friendly terms that they frequently exchanged or sent each other presents of delicacies such as tarts, &c. Within a very short time after the death of his wife Jemima, Mr. Clarkson married Mrs. Canny. Rumours were circulated that the first Mrs. Clarkson had been poisoned, and these rumours gathered such strength that Mr. **BRENAN**, the Coroner, had her body exhumed, and an inquest was commenced on it (on the 18th March), after which the body was opened, the stomach and other necessary parts removed, and handed to Mr. **NORRIE**, the analytical chemist, to be analysed. The body was then re-buried. The result of Mr. Norrie’s analysis having been made known to the Coroner, Mountford Clarkson and Mary Ann Clarkson, his wife, were apprehended on the charge of poisoning Mrs. Jemima Clarkson. Subsequently, a Mrs. **CATHERINE PICKERING** was apprehended in consequence of some words she dropped, but on the resumed inquest she was examined as a witness. Mr. **HOLROYD** attended to watch the proceedings for the prisoners; Attorney, Mfr. **G.R. NICHOLS**. The evidence taken was very lengthy, and the following is only an abstract of it.

Mr. **JAMES S. NORRIE**, analytical chemist, deposed that he was present on the 18th March at the opening of the body by Dr. **TIERNEY**, assisted by Mr. **BENNETT**, surgeon, and received from them the entire stomach of the deceased, and some portions of the muscular parts of the chest, and on the following day he received from them also the liver; of these witness commenced an analysis on the 21st and continued it for ten days, conducting it throughout himself; Dr. Tierney and Mr. Bennett were present at the commencement of the analysis, and an assistant of witness’s, and a youth in his employ, were also present occasionally. Mr. Norrie described at great

length and very minutely the methods of analysis he pursued. The result Mr. Norrie stated to be that he found traces of zinc in the undigested contents of the stomach, and also in the cellular tissues of the stomach, and in his opinion there was probably more than five grains altogether in the substance he analysed, but he could not positively swear that there was half a grain, although he believed he might safely do so; the quantity thus found was an indication that a much larger quantity had been taken, but how much it was impossible for him to say, sulphate of zinc being a very soluble salt; he had not the slightest doubt as to the presence of zinc in the stomach; the taste of the poison was astringent, austere, and metallic, and very perceptible when taken pure, but he could not say whether the flavour could be detected in a quantity of sweetened apple. This witness underwent a lengthy cross-examination into his education as a chemist, the received doctrines as to poisons, &c.

Mr. **DANIEL JOSEPH TIERNEY** described the post mortem examination, and the handing of the stomach, &c., to Mr. Norrie. A quantity of white particles were observed lining the coats of the stomach, but no other appearance of disease, except some patches of inflammation. This witness was examined and cross-examined at great length respecting the quantities and effects of sulphate of zinc. It was frequently administered as a means of expelling other poisons from the stomach, being a quick and violent emetic; never knew a case of death produced by it, but there were two French cases, meagrely reported, wherein it was stated that death was caused by taking sulphate of zinc; the larger the dose the more immediate and great would be the vomiting; witness had himself given half a drachm to a man who had swallowed arsenic, and it produced violent vomiting, and in three days the man was able to go about his business; had known several cases where it had been taken by mistake for salts, but never knew death to follow from it. The late Mrs. Clarkson was a woman of plethoric habit, and violent vomiting in such a person might produce apoplexy.

Mr. **GEORGE BENNETT**, surgeon, gave evidence as to the post mortem examination. Witness had been the medical attendant on the Clarkson family for some years, and was called to attend Mrs. Clarkson on the evening of the 3rd February, but she was dead when he arrived; Clarkson said his wife had eaten very heartily of roast pig for dinner, and was taken very ill with vomiting, and witness knowing that she was a gross feeder was then of opinion that she died from apoplexy; witness still thought that her death was caused by apoplexy, and from the minute quantity of zinc found should say it had no effect in causing death; if deceased expired in the act of vomiting it is very possible her death resulted from the emetic taken; the finding a small quantity of zinc in the stomach might result from it having been taken accidentally. Sulphate of zinc had so strong a taste that even a small quantity must be detected in food. Witness thought it would have been much better to have had more than one practical chemist in a case of this kind. Cases were reported wherein large quantities of sulphate of zinc had been given, without injurious effect. Witness had often administered it in small doses as a tonic. Mr. Clarkson and his wife always appeared to live together comfortably and happily.

From the evidence of **JOHN CORCORAN** and **HENRY LODER**, it appeared that Mrs. Clarkson was perfectly well up to twelve o'clock on the 3rd February, but complained of sickness in the afternoon. In the evening Loder went to the house about eight o'clock, and Mrs. Clarkson requested Loder to stop in the bar a few minutes, as she felt unwell, and had been very bad all the afternoon, which she thought was through eating some roasting pig; she left the bar, and Loder in a few minutes heard a slight noise in the adjoining room, and going there he saw Mrs. Clarkson lying on the sofa, with her head hanging over the edge; Loder raised her

head and placed it on the sofa, and she expired in about half a minute. A doctor had been sent for immediately. She had not left the bar three minutes before she died. Corcoran had also heard from Mr. Clarkson that afternoon that he was very unwell as well as his wife.

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The Coroner expressed his opinion that there was no case against Clarkson, and directed the jury to acquit him.

A verdict of not guilty was then given and recorded in favour of Clarkson, who was discharged.

...In a few minutes afterwards the prisoner was supported into the Court in a very exhausted state, and the foreman of the jury announced the verdict of the latter, that the female prisoner was guilty of the wilful murder of the late Mrs. Clarkson.

She was then committed to gaol under the Coroner's warrant to await her trial upon the charge.

CARCOAR.

DREADFUL OCCURRENCE. - On Thursday, the 28th March, a tragic occurrence took place at the shop, of forge, of a blacksmith named **GORRINGE**, in this township, which has caused a melancholy gloom, the recollection of which will not be easily effaced from memory. It happened that on the day in question, the servant man of a Mr. **LODGE** brought a horse to the forge, apparently suffering from the gripes, or some internal ailment; and as Gorringer did not like to trust to his own skill in the matter, he went to Mr. Neville's inn, for the purpose of getting the assistance of some man there, who has the repute of being skilful in horse and cattle diseases. During the time Gorringer was away, Lodge's man was alone in the smithy with a young man named **REUBEN HOADLEY**, an apprentice to Gorringer, and seeing a gun in the forge, took it up, and presenting it at the poor boy, shot him dead on the spot. The man immediately came down to the Court-house, where Mr. **NORTH**, the police magistrate, and Mr. **ROTHERY**, were sitting in Court of Requests, and gave himself up, stating that he had "shot Hoadley's son." Dr. **BELL**, who happened to be down in the township at the time, and seeing a number of persons mustering at the spot, was immediately in attendance, but only to pronounce the accident fatal, for the appearance of the wound was sufficient to indicate its nature; the whole forehead was blackened, and an opening of an inch or more in circumference on the left side, immediately above the eye, into which the doctor passed one of his fingers as far as he could reach. An inquest was held at the Australian Arms Inn, Mr. Neville's, the same evening, at eight o'clock, when, after the evidence of several persons was taken, and a certificate from Dr. Bell received, the jury, after a short deliberation, found a verdict of involuntary manslaughter, and the prisoner was committed to take his trial at the next sittings of the Circuit Court, at Bathurst, which takes place on the 19th August, and at which several witnesses were bound over to appear. *Herald Correspondent.*

BATHURST. - MANSLAUGHTER. - An inquest was held on Saturday, the 30th March, at Mount Pleasant, the estate of Major-General **STEWART**, on the body of a man named **CORNELIUS HAGGARTY [HEGARTY]**, killed the previous evening. From what we could make out of the evidence, it appeared that the deceased, a man named **JOHN M'PHERSON**, and some others, had been regaling themselves in a stable with some of Heathorn's XX. Deceased and M'Pherson, about 7 p.m., rushed from where they had been indulging, and went to the kitchen, when the deceased said to M'Pherson, "Jack, you are the first man on the farm that I will fight with," and made a show of doing so; a scuffle followed, and many blows were exchanged; eventually M'Pherson hit the deceased a blow which knocked him down, and he fell

on his head on a chopping block, and soon after he expired. The evidence of the several witnesses examined was so contradictory, and at variance, that the jury felt puzzled to come to a fair conclusion of the affair. Several of them expressed in strong terms their opinion that some of the witnesses had perjured themselves with a view to screen the man charged with the manslaughter, and others of the jury were for acquitting M'Pherson from the charge; they ultimately, however, agreed in their verdict. The first witness called was the cook, who was in the kitchen during the whole fray, who stated that after some wrangling between the parties, deceased said, "----- Jack, you are the first man on the farm I will fight on the farm," and placed himself in a fighting position; the prisoner struck the deceased a violent blow, which knocked him down, and in falling his head came in contact with a chopping-block; he arose and staggered a few paces, and then again fell; witness went to raise him, when he found he was dead. In answer to a question from one of the jury, the witness said it was possible that the deceased might have tripped against the leg of a table, but if he did so he did not see it. Other evidence was also taken. The body was dreadfully bruised and mangled; on the crown of the head was a severe contusion; on the right side of the neck another, and on the left a blood vessel had been ruptured, and the face dreadfully disfigured and discoloured from bruises. Dr. **BUSBY** attended the inquest, and certified that the contusion on the top of the head or the rupture of the blood vessel might either have caused death. The jury, after a long consultation, returned a verdict of manslaughter, and the prisoner was committed for trial. *Herald Correspondent.*

MURDER AT WIDE BAY (QLD): JAMES MARSDEN.

REPORTED MURDER, affidavit by the seaman of HMS *Rattlesnake*. **WILLIAM HOWARD WITNESS.** [See 8/600, 03/04/1850]

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

Thursday, 4th April.

JOHN BELL was indicted for the manslaughter of **THOMAS OLIVER**, by assaulting him on the 17th March, 1850, and inflicting on him divers mortal wounds and bruises, whereof he languished till the 27th March, and then died. It appeared from the evidence that Oliver was an old man, addicted to drinking, who had for nine months resided in Bell's house, cutting wood for his bread; on the evening of the 17th March Oliver, Bell, and other persons were in Bell's house, intoxicated, and Oliver being abusive. Some angry words occurred between him and Bell, and a scuffle followed between them, during which it was sworn no blows were struck, but which ended by Bell pushing the other from him, when Oliver fell on a sofa and his head came in contact with a projecting piece of wood; Bell then told Oliver that if that was all the return he made for his kindness he had better be off, Oliver gathered up his clothing and bedding, and left the house in spite of Mrs. Bell urging him to stop till the morning, and not to mind what Bell said. At this time it was late at night, and the witnesses in Bell's house, and another witness, at whose house Oliver called and left his bedding, but did not stop, all agreed in stating that although Oliver's face was bruised, he was nothing like so much bruised as he appeared to be next morning, when found lying insensible in an empty house. Bell, it was deposed, did not leave his house during the night, and there was no evidence as to who inflicted these further injuries on Oliver. Subsequently, Oliver was taken from the empty house by the police, and placed in the Benevolent Asylum, and Dr. **RUSSELL** found Oliver much bruised about the head, his mouth injured as if from a kick, and his ribs also bruised; Oliver died on the 27th April, and his death was found to be caused by an extravasation of blood on the brain, occasioned apparently by a blow on the left

temple; Dr. Russell believed that Oliver must have been severely beaten, judging from the bruises on his body; it was possible the injury on the temple might be occasioned by a fall. Oliver, it appeared, while lying ill in the Asylum, had said that Bell had not beaten him in that way, and again that if Bell had he was a wretch; and at another time Oliver had said that Bill the soldier beat him, but this was said when the wardsmen thought Oliver barely conscious what he said. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and Bell was discharged.

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CASTLEREAGH RIVER.

A CHILD DEVoured BY NATIVE DOGS. - A sad occurrence took place in this neighbourhood lately. On Sunday, 23rd March, a shepherd named **PETER STANDLEY**, in the employ of Mr. **ROUSE**, at Marian Park, proceeded from the hut for a load of wood, and was followed by his daughter, a child of about five years of age. The child missed the dray, and was lost, and although for eight days the father and a number of friends on foot and horseback searched for her she could not be found. At length on the tenth day her father and another shepherd took their flocks into the neighbourhood of the last track, and one of the sheep-dogs was observed rolling about on the ground; they went to the spot, and found there the mutilated bones of the poor child, and near the place were found her frock and bonnet. Her remains were collected and interred at the station. Coonabarabran, April 6, 1850.

FOUND AT LAST. - Mrs. **ANGELINA MARY HUGHES HALLETT**, *alias* **ELLIOTT**, *alias* **ELYARD**, whose case has excited so much interest, is, through the intelligence and activity of Mr. **BROWN**, the Sheriff's bailiff, safely lodged in Darlinghurst Gaol. Yesterday Brown received information that this woman was residing at the house of a person named **CORMACK**, near Botany. He procured a bench warrant, and taking with him constables **WALLER** and **WILSON**, they effected a quiet entry into the house, and after searching some time, Wilson found the fugitive concealed in a box only three feet six inches long, eighteen inches deep, and two feet wide; she was covered with some table linen, and could only have concealed herself as the party approached the house, for there was no means of ventilation, and when taken out of the box she was nearly fainting, and it was some time before she was sufficiently recovered to dress herself. She was brought into Sydney and conveyed before Mr. Justice **THERRY**, who sent her to Darlinghurst Gaol, to await her trial for abduction. His Honor signified that bail would be taken, herself in £600, and three sureties in £200 each. We trust the crown law officers will see that the bail this time are men of substance, not men totally without means, as was the case when she was before admitted to bail. *Herald, April 11.*

THE SURETIES FOR MRS. C.A. HUGHES HALLETT. - Previous sureties estreated.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/604, 17/04/1850.

DEATH BY DROWNING. - An inquest has been commenced at the Paterson before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., Coroner, on the body of **JAMES TAYLOR**, and adjourned till tomorrow. It appears that Taylor was an old resident in the Paterson district, and a man of some means, having recently purchased a house at Paterson. On Saturday last he was at Paterson in company with two other persons, named **RAG [RAGG]** and **JONES**, and left the township in the evening with them on horseback, taking three bottles of rum with them, Rag being drunk, but the other two sober; at the school-house, near Clark's-crossing, they stopped for some time, and had a glass each from

the second bottle of rum, one, a ginger-bottle of rum, having been finished before reaching there. When they left the school-house Jones left in one direction, and Taylor and Rag went on together towards the regular crossing-place; Rag afterwards reached home safely, but nothing more was seen of Taylor. On the following morning a resident on the Allyn found an old horse in his corn, and sent him on to Mr. Brown's, of Coulston, where after some delay he was recognised by some person as Taylor's horse. Search was now made in the neighbourhood where the horse was found, and the tracks of a horse were seen proceeding from the crossing-place (which he had not crossed) along the river through some ground remarkable difficult from being thickly covered with old fallen wood, and terminating at the junction of the Paterson and Allyn Rivers. Just at the junction there exists in the bed of the river a singular deep hole, so deep that it is popularly believed that it is bottomless, and it is said that a kind of whirlpool motion is occasionally observed in it; this hole is only six or eight feet in diameter, the whole bed, at this dry season, being perhaps twenty feet or more broad. After considerable search the body of poor Taylor was discovered in this hole, about fourteen feet below the surface, the witnesses stated, but they were quite positive that there was no bottom a long distance below that. No scratch or wound of any description was found on Taylor's body, but there was nothing to account for his getting into this hole, which is well-known, and quite out of the regular track, while his horse is stated to have taken him safely home on more than one occasion when Taylor was not in a fit state to find his own way. Taylor's saddle was deeply scratched at one place, as if his spur had dragged across it as he came off.

A CHILD DROWNED IN A TUB OF WATER. - It is reported that last week a child was drowned in a tub of water. The parents it is stated reside on the Coulston estate, Gresford, and one day they were both away from their house for a short time, and when the mother returned she was shocked to see her child resting in the tub, head downwards. On taking it out she found it dead. We have not learnt whether any enquiry took place about the sad occurrence.

DEATH BY DROWNING. - **HENRY COOK**, an apprentice to Mr. **CLARK**, of Castlereagh-street, was bathing yesterday afternoon at Bondi with some other boys, when he got amongst the breakers, and was drowned. The body has not been found, and it can scarcely be expected to be recovered from such a situation.

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JAMES GRIFFITHS, in custody for assisting **ANGELINA MARY HUGHES HALLETT** to evade the police, and **MARY ANN CORMACK**, for harbouring her, are remanded till to-morrow.

SUDDEN DEATH. - An old man, named **CHARLES BRADFORD**, who was put in the lock-up on Wednesday night for protection, was brought into the police office on Tuesday morning [??], very faint and weak, and having been removed in a chair died, when crossing the court-yard towards the watch-house. He was covered with sores, and crawling with vermin. An inquest was held on the body in the afternoon, and a verdict of "died from the visitation of God" returned. *People's Advocate*, April 13.

THE LATE MRS. FELL.

The attention of the Acting Committee of the Benevolent Society having been, by the Secretary, directed to certain statements made at the inquest held on the body of **ANN FELL**, relative to the non reception of the deceased into the Benevolent Asylum, a meeting of the General Committee was convened for the purpose of investigating the circumstances attendant thereon, when, after carefully perusing the depositions taken

at the inquest, and examining the statements made by the Master and Resident Surgeon, and also several other persons connected with the transaction, they resolved: "That it appears that whilst the general order under which Mr. **RUSSELL** acted sufficiently justifies his refusal to receive any case that he conceived labouring under insanity, they cannot help expressing their opinion that he was blameable in not minutely attending to the symptoms of Mrs. Fell's case, which in all probability would have led to a different result." And to prevent as far as possible the recurrence of such lamentable circumstances, the General Committee at a subsequent meeting further resolved: "That the Resident Surgeon shall have no power to refuse a single patient for medical treatment who is put under his care by the Master of the Institution, even although he (the Surgeon) should not consider it to be a proper case; and that where any doubt exists as to it being so or not, the decision shall rest with the gratuitous medical officers of the Institution, and, 2nd, That no case ordered by the Secretary for admission into the house under existing rules be refused as unsuitable, without previous consultation by the Master with him, or if practicable, with the Acting Committee." *Herald, 15th April.*

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The Judges have also allowed bail to the female prisoner **CLARKSON**, committed on the Coroner's warrant for wilful murder; her husband in £200, and three sureties in £80 each, or four in £60.

INDECENT LANGUAGE. - Yesterday **LOUISA PERCOX** appeared before the bench, and was convicted of using obscene language in the street, on constables **BROMHEAD** and **POOL** interfering to prevent a fight between her and another woman; she was fined 40s. and costs, or in default two months' imprisonment.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Monday last, an inquest was held at Hancock's public house, Parramatta-street, on view of the body of a female, **NAME UNKNOWN**, apparently between 40 and 50 years of age, found at Rose Bay on Saturday last, apparently drowned. Mr. Surgeon **RUSSELL** deposed that from the appearance of the body, and from a *post mortem* examination which he had made, he judged that death was caused by suffocation from drowning. Verdict, found drowned, how, or by what means, no evidence appearing, the jury cannot say. *Herald, April 17.*

CONCEALING A FELON.

JAMES GRIFFITHS and **MARY ANN CORMACK** were yesterday brought before Alderman **EGAN** and Mr. **CAMPBELL**, to answer a charge of having assisted Mrs. **ANGELINA MARY HUGHES HALLETT**, otherwise **ELYARD**, otherwise **ELLIOTT**, to evade the police. Mrs. Hallett, it will be recollected, was committed for trial on the charge of stealing a girl of five years old, named **JULIA BROWN**, and was subsequently admitted to bail before one of the judges, but absconded before trial. A bench warrant was then issued for her apprehension, and after some time she was apprehended in a house at Botany, in the occupation of Mrs. Cormack; Griffiths was in the house at the time, and it was proved that Mrs. Cormack denied that Mrs. Hallett was there, and that Griffiths was seen sitting on the box, or else by the box, in the which Mrs. Hallett was at length discovered; and that Mrs. Hallett was covered over in a manner which she could not have effected by herself. It was also proved that Griffiths had been seen at Mrs. Hallett's residence before and after Julia Brown was taken there, and that the little girl had been taught by Mrs. Hallett to call Griffiths "papa." The prisoners were committed for trial, but allowed bail. *Abridged from Herald, April 17.*

AWFUL DEATH. - A man named **RICHARD JOHNSON**, (the servant of Mr. **M'DERMOTT**, an innkeeper of this town) for some time past had led a very intemperate life, but on Thursday (the 11th) the wretched man consummated his misery by getting so beastly drunk that when he was left in the kitchen to go to bed he by some means or other fell into the fire, and was so frightfully burnt all over the stomach, back, and arms, that he died in about twelve hours after the accident occurred. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday last, and from the evidence adduced it appears that the first person to hear the cries of the unfortunate man was a Mr. **GEORGE ARMFIELD**, who resides a distance of at least 200 yards from the inn; he immediately ran to the spot, and seeing the man's clothes all on fire, he threw a bucket of water over him; and having extinguished the fire, he ran for the assistance of Dr. **ALLAN**, who at once proceeded to render every necessary medical aid; but that gentleman stated in his evidence at the inquest, that the man was so terribly burnt that all earthly aid was useless. *Berrima Correspondent of Herald.*

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SUDDEN DEATH. - On Saturday an inquest was held at the Fitzroy Hotel, Maitland, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, on the body of **ALICE BOARDMAN**. It appeared from the evidence that Mrs. Boardman had been for some time under medical treatment, but got suddenly worse on Friday; Dr. **SLOAN** was sent for, but she died very shortly after; her husband, it was deposed, was frequently drunk, and was known to quarrel with her. Dr. Sloan performed a *post mortem* examination, and found not the slightest mark of violence on her body; the bowels were much inflamed, and there was extensive disease in the womb and ovaries, and in Dr. Sloan's opinion this was the cause of death. The jury returned a verdict of died by the visitation of God.

PROBLEM WITH JUROR AT INQUEST. Connects with next entry.

DEATH BY DROWNING. - In the *Mercury* of the 17th instant we published the particulars of the commencement of an inquest at Vacy, Paterson, on the body of **JAMES TAYLOR**, which had been found in a deep hole at the junction of the Paterson and Allyn Rivers. The inquest was resumed on the 18th, before Mr. **PARKER**, and from the evidence of **WILLIAM DAGG** (not **DAG**), the man who was last in company with Taylor, it appears that Taylor and Dagg did cross the river at Clark's crossing-place, and ride together, as Dagg believed, a distance of two or three miles further; here, after taking a parting glass of rum from Taylor's bottle, they parted, Dagg being quite drunk, and Taylor tipsy, but as Dagg believed quite able to ride home and to know what he was about; and Dagg stated that Taylor must, after they had parted, have ridden back to Clark's crossing-place; Dagg, after leaving Taylor some time, fell off his horse, and slept, but was awoken by his horse's pulling at the bridle in the middle of the night, when he mounted and rode home. It appears from other evidence that Taylor must have ridden for some distance down the river from Clark's crossing-place (not his right course home), and that on the bank becoming difficult, the horse got down into the bed of the river, then running about ankle deep; that the bed there was so much encumbered by fallen timber that it was barely possible for a horse to get along, and that at one or two points marks were found as if the horse had tried to turn round and go back, but had been prevented by his rider; the track led to the deep hole (found to be fifteen feet deep), out of which was projecting the branch of a dead tree, which it is supposed caught poor Taylor's leg, and dragged him off the horse, when he fell into the hole, for the track of the

horse was found ascending the bank close by. A relation of Taylor's, who assisted at finding the body, stated that although he felt convinced from all the circumstances that poor Taylor must on this occasion have been so intoxicated that he lost all recollection of where he was, or what he was doing, yet that it was many years since Taylor had been so overcome with liquor as to be unable to know what he was about. Taylor left a wife and six children to mourn his loss. The money found in Taylor's pockets corresponded very closely with what he was known to have received in Paterson, allowing for what he spent in liquor. The jury returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by suffocation from drowning, and that it was their conviction that the deceased must have been very much intoxicated at the time, not knowing what he was about, to have ventured where his body was found.

INDECENT LANGUAGE. **MARY LUGG** and **MARY MAGUIRE** were brought before the bench, and pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness; Lugg was fined 5s. or 24 hours in the cells; ...

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BIRTH.

At Neotsfield, near Singleton, on the 20th April, the wife of **H. DANGAR**, Esq., M.C., of a son, which only survived a few hours.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/607, 27/04/1850

THE LATE MRS. CLARKSON. - The Attorney General this day moved for and obtained from their Honors the Judges an order for the re-exhumation of the remains of the late Mrs. **CLARKSON**. The motion was based on the several affidavits of the Coroner and Doctors **TIERNEY** and **a'BECKETT**, the two latter gentlemen being of opinion that the body had not yet arrived at such a state of decomposition as to prevent the possibility of detecting whether or not death was occasioned by poison. Their Honors would not express an opinion as to whether or not the Coroner had the power of ordering the re-exhumation, but they felt assured that it was within their own jurisdiction to order such a proceeding through the medium of their own officers. The Sheriff was therefore ordered to superintend the exhumation, in conjunction with the Coroner, attended by the two medical gentlemen above named, and by whom, and three practical chemists, the process of analysis was to be carried on. It was further intimated by the bench that this matter should be conducted in such a way that public decency may not in any way be offended. I understand that Messrs. **NORRIE**, **PORTER**, and **GRAYLING** are the chemists who will be engaged in this analysis.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/608, 30/04/1850

THE PATERSON MURDER CASE – SUPREME COURT, SATURDAY –

The Queen v Campbell

This was a rule *nisi* for a writ of *habeas corpus*, with a view of the prisoner being bailed. Mr. **PUREFOY** now moved that the rule be made absolute. The Attorney-General opposed the motion, arguing shortly on the depositions, that sufficient appeared on them to prevent the Court from interposing, and letting him out on bail. If the prisoner (charged with the murder of one Muldoon) were bailed, the public at large would be taught that, after all, murder was not such a terrible crime. His Honor the Chief Justice said it was important that the public should know that the mere concealment of a murder is in itself criminal, and subjects the party to punishment. This would appear to be a case of misprision of murder, so far as **CAMPBELL** is concerned. His Honor the Chief Justice said, in delivering judgement, it was

important to lay down the principles on which the Court would act in entertaining such motions for the future. The time of the Court had been occupied during the term by three of these novel applications. It was necessary that they should not be unduly encouraged. The principles the Court would wish to lay down were these – first, that they were not bound to grant bail except where there was no charge of felony on the depositions, and an informal one. If informal only, the Court will clearly not bail, but cure the informality; secondly, that whether bail would be granted or not would be discretionary, and when exercising that discretion they would be guided by the probability, supposing bail were granted, that the prisoner would appear and take his trial. It had already been laid down by this Court that the depositions would only be looked to, besides affidavits, and as to the state of the prisoner's health, the condition of his family, &c. In a case of murder, however, where the Attorney General has filed an information, the Court would not grant bail. His Honor then, referring to the circumstances of the case, said the result the Court had arrived at was, that the prisoner should be bailed, himself in £200, and four sureties in £60 each; one week's notice to be given to two magistrates at Maitland, one of whom was to be the police magistrate. *S.M. Herald, April 29.*

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Monday an inquest was held before Mr. **PARKER**, coroner, in the house of **JOHN CHILLINGTON**, residing at Porphyry Point, William River, on the body of an infant named **HENRY CHILLINGTON**, about eighteen months old. It appeared from the evidence that Chillington was a labourer, residing on the estate of Mr. **CARMICHAEL**, and that on an evening about the 18th April he and his wife were in their house, and were just about going to supper; Mrs. Chillington had just taken up some boiled beef, and left the pot it had been boiled in, and which she had just taken from the fire, near the fireplace. The little boy was at this time playing about the spot with a little dog, on which he would frequently sit down; the backs of the parents were turned to them for a few moments, when they heard a scream, and looking round, were shocked to see that the little boy had fallen backwards into the pot of scalding water. His mother got him out instantly, and finding that the poor child was very much injured, the parents took him instantly to Mr. Carmichael's, when Mrs. Carmichael dressed the wounds, and gave them medicine and a lotion for the child. The little boy appeared much easier after this, and the parents hoped he was mending, until Sunday last, when Chillington was alarmed by observing that a great change had come over him; he ran out to get a neighbour's assistance, but before his return the little boy had expired. In answer to questions by the jury, Chillington said he had not gone for a doctor because Mrs. Carmichael, who supplied medicine and aid to all the poor neighbours, had, he thought, done all that could be done for the poor boy, and because he himself was poor, and could not afford to get a doctor from Maitland, the nearest place. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

ANOTHER MURDER BY THE BLACKS. - From a gentleman who arrived in town this week we have received intelligence of another murder committed by the native blacks in the Burnett district about a fortnight ago. The victim was a Coolie shepherd, in the employment of Mr. **G. SANDEMAN**, at Burrandowan. He was killed whilst out with his sheep, having been speared in the back of the neck, and afterwards tomahawked. As the body was not stripped, nor any of the sheep taken away, the murder is believed to have been caused by revenge for the deceased having ordered some of the natives from his hut on the previous day, when they had been importuning him for flour, and upon which occasion they showed much violent conduct. The murderers were tracked for some distance from where the body was

found, but up to our informant's departure none of them had been overtaken. The settlers are crying loudly for the native police, and we hope that our frequent representations on this head will have the effect of inducing Mr. **MARSHALL** to visit the district with his corps immediately. Since our last notice of the necessity for the police at Bunya, Mr. **HALY**'s station has been twice robbed of sheep by the natives, and although no murder has yet been committed there, such outrages may be daily looked for. Some of the settlers are most indignant in their complaints, and declare that they will resist payment of the money, from which the native police is maintained, if their wants are not promptly attended to. *Moreton Bay Courier, April 20.*

GUNDAROO – ATROCIOUS OUTRAGE. - On Tuesday evening last, at the house of a man named **BLOOMFIELD**, at the Black Creek, certain parties were dram drinking. Amongst them were the above named individual, a man by the name of **NUGENT**, two others, namely, **PETER KEAN**, commonly known by the cognomen of **BLACK PETER**, and **JIM BARBER**. Barber had a quarrel with the man Nugent while they were emptying the bottles, but Nugent, having some previous knowledge of Barber, moved away and left the others to contend with Barber. This fellow, not being able to ferret out Nugent, seized upon poor Black Peter, and cried out, "as I cannot find that 'scourger' I'll give you the roasting I intended to give him," and thereupon he seized the unfortunate man, layed him (face downwards) upon a blazing fire, rolled the flaming logs over him, and lest he should not be sufficiently broiled placed his foot on the sufferer's back, taking, at the same time, the fire shovel, loading it with the red embers and ashes, and throwing it over the abdomen and lower parts of his victim. These parts are all in a state of putrefaction, the eyes completely burnt out; his face roasted from the lower cartilages of the nose up to the hair; his teeth dropping out from the upper jaw from the fury of the flaming element, and altogether such a lamentable spectacle of wanton and unprovoked destruction was never looked on. The unhappy man is not likely to survive the brutal treatment he has received. We expect Barber a prisoner in Queanbeyan every day. *Queanbeyan Correspondent of the Goulburn Herald.*

THE LATE MRS. CLARKSON. - The remains of the late Mrs. **JEMIMA CLARKSON** were again exhumed on Thursday evening in performance of the order granted on that day in the Supreme Court, and such parts of the body having been recovered as are necessary for the conduct of the analysis have been provided but it is proposed to have it conducted by three practical chemists on behalf of the crown, and to afford the accused an opportunity of being represented during the conduct of the analysis by a medical man. *Herald, April 27.*

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SYDNEY NEWS

The analysis of the remains of the late Mrs. **CLARKSON** is progressing, but not under the superintendence of the parties first named. Mr. Surgeon **BENNETT** has taken the place of Dr. **a'BECKETT**, and Mr. **ABRAHAMS** acts with Mr. **PORTER**, in place of Messrs. **NORRIE** and **GRAYLING**. The present Mrs. Clarkson (the party accused) has not yet availed herself of the permission to appoint a medical supervisor on her behalf, to look after the proceedings in this matter.

INFANTICIDE – BATHURST. - An inquest was held at the Black Bull Inn, Bathurst, on Friday, the 26th April, on the body of a new-born infant, found in a well on the premises of Mr. **MOCKETT**, in Hewick street. From the evidence of Mr. Mockett, it appeared he discovered the water in the well had become tainted. He

caused a man named **LEVIN** to be lowered down the well, who found the body of a male infant floating on the surface of the water. It was drawn up, and found to be in a very decomposed state, and appeared to have been in the water several days. A woman named **ANN MORCOMBE**, who had been in his employ for some time past, had been discharged about as fortnight before. He observing that she appeared to be in a forward state of pregnancy, suspicion fell on her. She, and another woman named **JANE DOWNEY**, were apprehended. It appeared also from the evidence, that about eight days previous to the discovery of the body, the prisoner Morcombe had called at the residence of her late master, in company with Downey, and a man with a wheelbarrow to take her boxes away. On this occasion she was observed by Mr. Mockett to be leaning on a gate-post. He did not notice at the time of the circumstance, but on the following day his cook called the attention of Mr. Mockett to some stains on the seat and floor of a water-closet, where Morcombe had been seen to enter, and which stains were traced to the gate where the prisoner had been seen standing by Mr. Mockett. There was nothing at all to connect Jane Downey with the transaction further than she was in Morcombe's company when she went to Mr. Mockett's for her boxes. Dr. **MACHATTIE** attended, and stated that he had examined the prisoner Morcombe, upon whom there were every symptoms of a delivery within ten or twelve days. He had also examined the body of the infant, and as far as its decomposed state would enable him to judge he had no doubt it had been born alive, and that death had been caused by suffocation. **ANN MILLER** deposed, that she was present at the medical examination, and that immediately after, the prisoner told her that Mrs. Downey had no knowledge of her delivery. The coroner recapitulated the evidence at some length and perspicuity, when the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Ann Morcombe. Downey acquitted.

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MASTER AND SERVANTS ACT. - Yesterday one case under this act came before the bench: **JOHN BORTHWICK** v **JOSEPH PERCOX**. ... and it appeared that Percox had been employed as the driver of the Singleton mail, ... Percox said in defence that he was miserable, being left with four small children to look after, and his wife being in trouble, ... they therefore sentenced him to two months' imprisonment.

SINGLETON

FATAL ACCIDENT. - An inquest was held yesterday in the bush, about a mile beyond Mr. **LETHBRIDGE**'s "Mundiwa" sheep station, and eleven miles from Singleton, before **HENRY GLENNIE**, Esq., J.P., Coroner for the district of Patrick's Plains, and a jury of five, touching the death of **JOHN ROSE**, a respected inhabitant of Singleton, and well-known as an industrious, hard-working man. The jury (who were all summoned from Singleton) having been sworn, viewed the body, which did not present the appearance of much external injury, but upon pressing against the left side the ribs appeared to be all broken, crunching under the weight of the hand; the left leg was also broken above the ankle. From the evidence of **JAMES LEE**, a shepherd in Mr. Lethbridge's employment, and of **JAMES JACKSON**, a splitter, it appeared that on the day previous (Sunday) deceased and he were sawing down a large iron-bark tree, and having sawed sufficiently through, Jackson placed a wedge into the cut, when having struck it a few times with the maul the tree showed indication of falling; Lee and Jackson then retreated, cautioning poor Rose to do the same; he, however, would not stir from the butt of the tree, telling them that was the safest place. The tree fell in a contrary direction to where deceased was standing,

when, melancholy to relate, the tree in falling struck off a large limb of another tree still further from deceased (and beyond the falling tree), when the branch rebounded, and struck him to the ground. Lee and Jackson immediately ran to his assistance, and upon lifting him from underneath the prostrate branch he immediately breathed his last. The deceased was forty-three years of age, and unmarried. Verdict, accidental death by the falling of a branch of a tree.

CLARENCE TOWN

MURDER AMONG THE BLACKS. - An inquest was held here a few days ago, on the body of a black gin, named **MARIA**, who had been found lying dead in a stable. It appeared from the evidence that the woman had been murdered by her husband, whose name is **JEMMY**. For some little time before the outrage occurred a large number of blacks were observed about the township, and their proceedings seemed strange and unaccountable, exciting mirth in some minds and fear in others; and I must say at this time, and during the extraordinary behaviour of the mixed mob previous to the murder, which arose from passion, I entertained great fear of what the result would be. Jemmy is still at large. May 4, 1850.

MRS. A.M. HUGHES HALLETT.

The case of Dr. **DUIGAN**, charged with aiding and counselling a felon (Mrs. **ANGELINA MARY HUGHES HALLETT, alias ELLIOTT, alias ELYARD**) to evade the police, is postponed, at the request of the defendant, till to-morrow.

RICHMOND RIVER. - Mr. **JOHN FARRELL**, ship-carpenter, was downed at the Richmond River on the 23rd ultimo. The deceased left the settlement at night for the purpose of pulling some distance up river, and it is surmised he must have fouled some of the rafts, and in endeavouring to clear the boat have fallen overboard, as the hat he wore when last seen alive was picked up on a raft of timber. The body was found a few days afterwards with a deep cut over the right eye. *Herald, May 4.*

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SYDNEY NEWS

EVADING THE POLICE. - Mr. **THOMAS RUSSELL DUIGAN** yesterday appeared at the Police-office, before Alderman **FISHER**, to answer an information exhibited against him by Mr. **WEARIN**, Chief Inspector of Sydney Police, for having harboured, aided, and counselled one **ANGELINA MARY HUGHES HALLETT (alias ELLIOTT, alias ELYARD)**, she being at such time a felon, endeavouring to evade the police. Mr. **LITTLE** conducted the prosecution, and Messrs. **NICHOLS** and **ROBERTS** the defence. It will be remembered that Mrs. Hallett, having been committed for trial on a charge of child-stealing, and committed to bail, had absconded before 26th February, when she ought to have appeared to take her trial; that a bench warrant for her apprehension was issued, and that she was apprehended at Botany on the 16th April, concealed in a box in the house of a person named **CORMACK**. From the evidence now given it appeared that a carpenter named **WATSON** had been some time ago employed by the defendant, Dr. Duigan, to carry a box from Dr. Duigan's house to a house at Strawberry Hill; and that afterwards on the 14th March, Watson was summoned to Dr. Duigan's house by a message, and going there he found a person in male attire, whom Dr. Duigan requested Watson to take care of for an hour and a half; Dr. Duigan then said to Mrs. Duigan, "We had better tell Watson all about it," and he then told Watson the person referred to was Mrs. Hallett, whereon Mrs. Hallett burst into tears; Watson took Mrs. Hallett to his house; afterwards Dr. Duigan called and said he was too busy to be able to take Mrs. Hallett away then, but he would come at night with a gig and take her away; Mrs.

Hallett, however, got impatient at length, and at her request between nine and ten at night, Watson took her into Kent-street and left her there. Dr. Duigan came about half-past eleven, and appeared surprised and annoyed at Mrs. Hallett's having left, saying "She'll think I want to get rid of her." The box Watson took to Strawberry Hill was the same, he deposed, that it was stated Mrs. Hallett was found in at Botany Bay. Mrs. Watson's evidence corroborated her husband's in what she stated. Mr. Nichols contended that there was nothing to show that Dr. Duigan was aware that Mrs. Hallett was a felon endeavouring to evade the police, which was the material part of the charge; the evidence simply proving that he had harboured her for a minute or two. The bench committed the defendant for trial. *Abridged from S.M. Herald, May 8.*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was held at Dickinson's, the Sportsman's Arms, South Head Road, on Wednesday the 24th, and Monday the 29th April, and on yesterday the 6th May, on the body of **THOMAS OLIVER O'DONNELL**, an infant of about two months old, who died on the night of 23rd April, of convulsions. The inquest was adjourned in consequence of a suspicion that improper medicine had been administered, or that medicine had been administered in too large a dose, neither of which suspicions, we are happy to say, were borne out by the evidence. The jury found that Thomas Oliver O'Donnell "died from convulsions caused by the visitation of God." *Herald. May 7.*

FATAL ACCIDENT. - In the *Mercury* of the 17th April we mentioned that a man named **THOMAS THOMAS** had met with a very serious accident by the wheel of a dray going over his body; he having, it was stated, fallen or slipped off the dray as it was proceeding along the road between West and East Maitland. A passer-by informed Dr. **SCOTT** of the circumstances, and Dr. Scott immediately hastened to the spot, and found Thomas in such a state, the wheel having apparently gone over his loins, that he directed his immediate removal to the hospital. This was done, and Dr. Scott and Dr. **M'CARTNEY** tried every means for relieving Thomas that could be devised, although they, and the other medical men who saw him, thought his case a hopeless one. Thomas gradually sunk, and died on Tuesday last. An inquest was held on his body on Wednesday, before Mr. **PARKER**, when the above evidence was given, and Dr. Scott certified to the constant care and attention to Thomas displayed by the hospital attendant, assisted by a convalescent patient. No evidence was obtained as to the exact way the accident happened, the bullock driver and black boy who were with the dray having since returned up the country, but a witness named **CHARLES PRIEST** deposed that he saw the deceased on the dray as he rode past, and that hearing a shriek when he had got thirty yards off, he looked round, and saw a man lying in the road, but supposing it was a drunken man, took no notice, and went on. The jury returned a verdict that death was caused by a dray-wheel passing over deceased's body, but that how the accident occurred they had no evidence to show; and that they were perfectly satisfied that every attention was paid to the deceased in the hospital.

INQUEST. - On Tuesday morning an inquest was held before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, at the Hinton Hotel, Hinton, on the body of **HECTOR LAMONT**. Lamont it appeared had died about Thursday, the 2nd instant, and was buried, but in consequence of a statement made to Mr. Parker that it was stated by parties residing at Hinton that Lamont had imputed his illness to injuries he received in a fight some two months before, Mr. Parker ordered the body to be exhumed, that an inquest might be held on it. It appeared from the evidence that on the 18th February last Lamont, who was working with **SAMUEL M'DONALD** as a fencer, had gone to Morpeth to borrow a dray for M'Donald, but had stopped at the Victoria Hotel, Hinton, on his

way back. **GEORGE DUNCAN** deposed that he was in the inn when Lamont came in, and that Lamont was then drunk; that there had been no fighting in the room previously, but that while a man named **MATTHEW VAUGHAN** was singing a song, Lamont took some offence at it, and he and Vaughan came to blows, Lamont striking the first blow; Lamont, it appears, got the worst of the fight, but Duncan deposed that he did not see Lamont knocked down, nor did he see any other person strike or kick Lamont while fighting with Vaughan; about a month afterwards Lamont asked witness if **CHARLES LAWN** struck him, witness said he did not see him do so; not had witness told any one else that he did see Lawn strike Lamont; Duncan deposed also that about a month before Lamont's death, he (Duncan) helped to put a bag of flour (containing one hundred lbs.) on Lamont's back, which Lamont walked to his own house, a quarter of a mile off. No other witness who was present at the fight was called, but it appeared that for some [] three weeks after the fight Lamont was unable to do any work, and complained that his ribs were broken, although Lamont himself does not appear to have attributed it solely to the fight, but partly to having got a sudden jerk by M'Donald's dray coming in contact with a stump while he was riding on it, about two days after the fight; after the first fortnight Lamont appeared to get better, and worked as usual, although still complaining of pain in his arms and shoulders.

Lamont told his wife that his ribs were broken, and she observed two swelled spots on his ribs, which he said pained him much when pressed, and which he told her were caused by the jerk when he got on the dray. Lamont told M'Donald that George Duncan told him that Lawn struck him in the fight, and Mrs. Lamont deposed that Duncan told her husband in her presence that Lawn and other persons had struck him. Mrs. Lamont stated that after her husband brought home the bag of flour on his back he did not complain of pain, nor appear the worse for it. About three weeks before his death Lamont took cold from getting wet, and his cold continued getting worse, until he had to abstain from work, and finally Mrs. Lamont begged M'Donald to go for Dr. **BROWN**, as her husband was worse. M'Donald went and obtained some medicine from Dr. Brown, and Dr. Brown visited Lamont on the Monday morning, but Lamont died on the Wednesday or Thursday following. Mrs. Lamont stated that her husband was occasionally delirious in his last ill-ness. Dr. Brown was not examined as a witness, nor was anything further adduced as to the last illness of Lamont, except that Mrs. Lamont said that her opinion was that he died from natural causes, and not from violence. Dr. **WILTON** performed a *post mortem* examination, and found that none of Lamont's ribs were or had been broken, but he found his liver very much diseased, gorged with blood, very soft, and on the left side, immediately under the upper end of the stomach, he found an immense quantity of blood, which he thought might have escaped from the blood-vessels near the part; this, and the diseased state of the liver, were in his opinion the causes of death; there was no mark of violence, but he found three or four large spots of inflammation on the lower part of the bowels; what occasioned the appearances he found in the body it was impossible to say, with certainty; a blow or kick would produce such appearances, or, in the then state of the liver, any intemperance, a hearty meal, or violent exercise, might produce them; a cold would not; any violent blow received by the deceased would probably have accelerated his death; a man might live for some time in that state, and might carry a heavy weight for a great distance. The jury returned a verdict of died from natural causes.

FATAL ACCIDENT WITH FIRE-ARMS. - On Monday an inquest was held before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., Coroner, at the Lamb Inn, Dunmore, on the body of **JOHN**

WILLIAM FIELD, a lad of about fourteen years old, and in the employ of Mrs. **STACE**. From the evidence of Mr. **JAMES STACE** and Mr. **ROBERT MUIR** it appeared that on Sunday afternoon divine service was celebrated at Mr. Stace's house by the Rev. Mr. **PURVES**, and that while it was proceeding Mr. Stace was called out by his son **HENRY WILLIAM STACE**, to see young Field, who he said was badly hurt; Mr. Stace asked Mr. Muir to go with him, and they went to the house of James Stace, junior., about a quarter of a mile off, where they found the poor boy lying insensible, and bleeding from a perforated wound in his head, above the left ear; Mr. Muir probed the wound with his finger, and found it so deep that he was convinced that the lad could not live; Dr. **BROWN** was sent for, but the lad died almost instantly after he arrived, never having recovered his senses. To Mr. Muir's and Mr. Stace's enquiries, Henry Stace replied that Field met with the wound by falling into the fire place, when his head, Stace said, came in contact with an upright stick, which he pointed out, sticking between the bricks. Field's father, who had been sent for, did not arrive till the poor boy was dead, and the same tale was told to him by Henry Stace and by **WILLIAM GOULD**, a youth of nineteen years of age. Blood was observed in the fire-place, about this stick, which appeared to corroborate the statement. The next morning however Field observed that the inner part of his son's left hand was blackened, as if with smoke, and he immediately suspected that a gun must have been fired off to cause this, and that the wound was probably caused by a gunshot. When the inquest was held, Mr. Stace, Mr. Muir, and Mr. Field deposed as above, Mr. Muir adding that he heard no discharge of a gun during service. Two woman residing nearby were afterwards examined, and both deposed that they had heard a gun discharged during the service, they being at the time in their own houses, and one of them residing close to James Stace's jun., neither of the women had heard any quarrelling. Further enquiries were now made, and at length Gould admitted that young Field had been shot, and he deposed that he was in company with Field on Sunday, when deceased whistled for Henry Stace to help him disengage a bullock, and subsequently while in the house Field noticed a gun in the bedroom, and brought it out, and commenced sky larking with it; Henry Stace told Field to put down the gun; Field did not do so, when Henry Stace attempted to take it away from him, when the gun went off; Field instantly fell in the chimney corner, and Henry Stace picked him up, and asked him what was the matter, but Field made no answer; Gould now observed blood running from Field's head, and Henry Stace went to tell his father what had occurred. Gould said he had been afraid to say before now Field was hurt. A *post mortem* examination by Dr. **LIDDELL** showed that the perforated wound above the left ear penetrated through the skull, and that the middle lobe of the brain towards the base was destroyed, numerous specula of bone and small pellets of lead being imbedded in the brain; and other pellets of lead were found between the scalp and external surface of the skull around the injury; the left ear was blackened, especially within the ear, and the left hand was also blackened inside; from these indications Dr. Liddell had no doubt death was caused by a gunshot wound, and he was of opinion the gun must have been held by Field near the muzzle, and that the muzzle of the gun must have been very close to Field's head when the gun went off; no blow or fall on any body could have produced the injury; the wound must have caused almost instant death. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by the accidental discharging of a gun during a scuffle with Henry William Stace, and they appended a rider that considerable blame was attachable to William Gould and Henry William Stace for their conduct in concealing the circumstances.

TAMWORTH

A CHILD BURNT TO DEATH. - Last Saturday week, a son of Mr. **HANNAFORD'S**, poundkeeper, was playing near a burning log, when his clothes caught fire, and before his parents, who ran immediately to his assistance, could extinguish it. The unfortunate child was so dreadfully burnt that he only survived a few hours.

A BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT. - On Saturday last, at Goonogoono, **DAVID**, a boy about nine years of age, son of Mr. **SMITH**, late a miner at Newcastle, accidentally shot himself with a carbine, which he had loaded the previous evening with about forty slugs, to shoot cockatoos. Dr. **JENKINS**, of Tamworth, having been sent for, found that the slugs had passed completely through the right lung, and most of them were to be seen in a sheet of bark covered the roof of the hut. The poor little sufferer, notwithstanding this dreadful accident, is alive, and at present doing well.

INQUEST. - On Sunday last the postman brought information to the police that a man was found dead under a dray near Mr. Single's inn, Weril's Creek. At an inquiry held next day by Dr. Jenkins, it was proved in evidence that the deceased's name was **FRANZ GEHRIG**, a German; that he had been unwell for some months, and was now on his way down the country to a hospital, but that he died suddenly on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. - On Monday evening last **GEORGE BUDDLE [RUDDLE]**, a carrier, was discovered by a blackfellow lying in the bush near Tamworth, having been thrown from his horse early in the morning. He was when found sensible, but unable to move hand or foot. The ants were attacking his eyes, and would probably have destroyed him alive, had not the blackfellow, who was in search of horses, passed near him. The poor man was removed as soon as possible to Dr. Jenkins's hospital, where he is now lying in a precarious state.

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About half-past three o'clock this morning, a young man named **SAMUEL BEAN NICHOLSON**, lodging at Mr. **GROCOTT'S**, stationer, in George-street, and who it appears had been lately imbibing rather freely, leaped from his bed and, exclaiming the house was on fire, attempted to lower himself from the attic window by a rope, which he had fastened to the bed-post; his weight broke the cord, and he fell on the pavement, dying almost instantly.

Last night, about eleven o'clock, **ROBERT COLE**, a seaman belonging to the ship *John Knox*, lying at the Circular Quay, fell off the gangway, and was drowned. His body was found about half an hour afterwards, but life was extinct.

QUEANBEYAN. - THE BURNING CASE. - On the 2nd instant **JAMES BARBER** was brought before the Queanbeyan bench, and was committed for trial. This was the man charged with the cruel roasting of the old man, **BLACK PETER**, on the 16th April. The evidence now given proved that there were several persons drinking together in a hut, Barber being one, and **PETER READING**, known as **BLACK PETER**, another. Keating got drunk and lay down outside the hut, and Barber, who had also got drunk, late in the night insisted that Keating had robbed him of ten shillings (Barber having previously given Keating 10s. for fetching rum), and not finding any money on Keating, he placed him on the fire for a brief space, dropped hot tallow from the candle on Keating's forehead or eyes, and then threw or placed hot ashes on the tallow. At first Keating was considered in danger, but it now appeared that all the injuries were surface injuries, and although danger might have arisen from the extent of the surfaces scalded or scorched, yet the medical man

attending him (Dr. **MORTON**) considered him now out of danger; the only spot on the body where, in Dr. Morton's opinion, injuries had been sustained by actual burning was a sore below the navel, about an inch in length and half an inch in breadth; the scalds on the face had produced ophthalmia, but the eyelashes were not singed off or burnt. *Abridged from the Goulburn Herald, May 11.*

MELANCHOLY CIRCUMSTANCE. - On the 3rd instant, Mr. **LUMSDAINE**, of Mutt Mutt Billy, had occasion to visit an unoccupied sheep station of his some miles from the homestead; he there found a man lying in the watch-box in an almost insensible state. Mr. Lumsdaine endeavoured to enter into conversation with the man but could exact no answer from him. Believing him to be under the effects of intoxication he rode away. On the following Tuesday some of Mr. Lumsdaine's men went over to the station for the purpose of removing the hurdles and watch-box, when they discovered the man lying in the same place quite dead. Information being conveyed to Mr. L. a messenger was despatched to town for the coroner, who started off with Dr. **GERARD** to the scene of the melancholy occurrence. A post mortem examination having been made it was ascertained that the deceased died from inflammation of the bowels. No one could give any account of the deceased. A card of steel pens was found in his pocket, on which was scribbled "John Rowan." *Goulburn Herald, May 11.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/614, 22/05/1850

MANSLAUGHTER. - A coroner's inquest was held at Hancock's public-house, Parramatta-street, on Monday, and (by adjournment) on Thursday, on view of the body of **ANN KENT**, who died in the Benevolent Asylum on last Saturday night, having been taken there on the previous day. Deceased appeared to be about thirty years of age, was of dissolute habits, and had lived for some time at a house in Clarence-street, kept by one **BUCKLEY**, where she was frequently visited by a seaman named **GLOVER**, who paid 8s. weekly for her board and lodgings. About a fortnight since, deceased, Glover, and one or two other of the inmates of the said house, drank rum till they became intoxicated; while under the influence of the drink, deceased and Glover quarrelled, when the latter violently beat and kicked the former, after which she took ill, and daily became worse, until the 10th instant, when she was removed to the Asylum, where the next day she expired. The jury found a verdict of manslaughter against Glover, and a warrant was issued for his apprehension. *Herald, 18th May.*

MELANCHOLY AND FATAL ACCIDENT. - About five o'clock p.m. yesterday, a sailor on board the ship *Marion*, lying at Miller's Point Wharf, having gone aloft to rig the fore-top-gallant-mast, the bolt in the fore-top mast drew in, heaving up the mast, and knocked the unfortunate man from off the cross-trees, and falling upon deck, he died on the spot. *Herald, May 16.*

A CHILD DROWNED IN A WELL. - On Wednesday afternoon a child of about two years of age, named **ELEANOR LEONARD**, residing at Chippendale, fell into a well and was drowned. It appears that the well had a lid, but no hinges; some person must have been drawing up water, and omitted to cover up the well until his or her return, and the infant walked unconsciously to its death. An inquest was yesterday held upon the body, and a verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury. *Herald, May 18.*

SUSPECTED MURDER. - The head of an infant, about eighteen months old, was discovered yesterday by one of the Water Police, on the North Shore. The head was in a perfect state of preservation, and appeared to have been cleanly severed from the

body. Information was immediately forwarded to the Coroner, who will hold an inquest on the remains. *Bell's Life, 18th May.*

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VIOLENT ASSAULT. - Incident at Morpeth on steamer – **CHARLES LAWN.**
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About nine o'clock last night **WILLIAM CLEATHEROW**, aged 70 years, residing in Albion-row, Kent-street, fell down stairs and broke his neck. He was intoxicated at the time.

THE HEAD OF AN INFANT FOUND IN THE HARBOUR. - Between seven and eight o'clock on Friday morning, **JOHN MANLEY**, a waterman, found the head of an infant, apparently of two or three days old, on the strand, at Robinson's Point, which, after having in vain searched for the trunk, he conveyed to and left at the Water Police Office. On Saturday, an inquiry was held by the Coroner, Mr. **J.R. BRENNAN**, Esq., at Smith's public-house, Lower George-street. Manley deposed that the head appeared to be quite fresh; it was white, one eye was open, the tongue hanging out of the mouth, and something like pale blood was oozing out of the crown; the head had been separated very close to the chin, no neck being left, and was a little jagged at one side; he had seen bodies that had been bit by sharks, but believed that no fish could have cut off a head in the way that this had been severed from the body. The inquest was then adjourned until Thursday next. *Herald, May 20.*

THE RESULT OF THE SECOND ANALYSIS OF THE REMAINS OF THE LATE MRS. CLARKSON.

Yesterday an examination was held before Mr. **E.D. DAY** of the gentlemen to whom had been entrusted (by the Attorney General) the task of analysing such portions of Mrs. Clarkson's remains as were detached from the body at the time of the second exhumation. Mr. **EDWARD PORTER**, chemist, and Mr. **ABRAHAM ABRAHAM**, chemist, made a joint report of the result of the analysis they had conducted, and which had occupied them from the 30th April to the 10th May, having been conducted in Mr. Abraham's laboratory, under the immediate supervision of Doctors **TIERNEY** and **BENNETT**. The report stated very fully the whole of the process followed in performing the analysis, and stated the results arrived at in the following words:- "Having thus concluded our examination, we will briefly review the whole process. By the first part we obtained a perfect solution of the membranes and of all metallic substances likely to be recovered. From a consideration of the second part we infer the absence of arsenic, mercury, lead, tin, antimony, bismuth, or copper. The third part, and the carbonising process, were conducted with a view to ascertain whether any portion of zinc had been absorbed by the tissues. After the most attentive and careful research we are convinced that not a trace of arsenic, zinc, lead, or any other metals excepting iron, had been in existence." Doctors Tierney and Bennett also furnished a written certificate of their having been present many hours each day during the analysis, of their sealing the door of the laboratory each evening, &c., and they state that "having witnessed the mode of investigation, and tests, they consider the opinion to which they (Messrs Porter and Abraham) have arrived to be both conclusive and satisfactory." All these gentlemen were sworn, and examined further by Mr. **O'NEIL BRENNAN**, for the Crown, Mr. **NICHOLS** appearing for the defence. Mr. Porter had heard of cases of poisoning where no poison was discovered, even though there was an analysis very shortly afterwards; Mr. Porter was also further examined on the chemical results in certain specified conditions. Mr. Abraham gave similar testimony to Mr. Porter's. Mr. Bennett had

full belief in the correctness of the analysis, and although he would not say positively that zinc had not been administered, he thought it exceedingly improbable; he was still of opinion that the late Mrs. Clarkson died from apoplexy. Dr. Tierney gave similar testimony of his belief in the correctness of the analysis and its results. Both the latter gentlemen said they could not say positively that no poison had been administered, because there were cases on record wherein, although death had ensued immediately afterwards, and a *post mortem* examination had been made, still no traces had been discovered of the poison taken. This closed the evidence, which was ordered to be forwarded to the Attorney General. *Abridged from the Herald, May 21.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/616, 29/05/1850

ADVERTISEMENT - by **JOHN OLIVER**, carrier, of Big River, thanking Doctor **JENKINS** for his successful cancer operation.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/617, 01/06/1850

DROWNED. - A seaman named **GEORGE BLACKWOOD**, belonging to the brig *Catherine*, fell out of one of the boats, while the vessel was getting under way in Hobson's Bay; before assistance could be rendered, the poor fellow sank to rise no more.

CORONER'S INQUESTS. - On Friday afternoon last, a child named **WILLIAM PILLING**, whose parents reside in a place off Bathurst-street, near Barker's Mill, was missing from home, and the neighbourhood having been searched for him in vain, the bellman was employed, but still no tidings of the lost child. On the next morning, one of the neighbours, named **BROWN**, determined upon dragging Barker's mill-dam, a sheet of water about sixty feet square, by about six deep, and the body of the child was then found. The child was last seen by his father at two o'clock shortly after dinner, on Friday afternoon, and his mother was confined to her bed by a recent accouchement. An inquest was held upon the body, when the jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning, to which they appended the following rider:- "The Jury unanimously request the coroner to immediately communicate with Mr. Barker, in order that he may either enclose the pond in question, or keep the gates shut, several accidents of a similar nature having occurred in the same pond through its dangerous and unprotected state." *Herald, May 30*

SUICIDE. - An inquest was held yesterday, before Mr. **J. RYAN BRENNAN**, on the body of a young man named **ALLEN [T.G.P. ALLAN]**, residing in Fort-street. From the evidence adduced it appeared that the unfortunate youth had destroyed himself by taking a dose of prussic acid whilst labouring under a fit of temporary insanity, and a verdict to that effect was found by the jury. *Herald, May 29*

KEMPSEY, MAY 8. - MURDER BY THE BLACKS.

News has just reached us of a murder recently perpetrated by the blacks of the Bellinger River, on the person of an old man who had long been a sawyer both at that place and the M'Leay. The circumstances are as follows:- On Thursday, the 25th April, five blacks named **DOEBOY, MOOGO, UGLY-BOY, MICKEY, and CHARLEY**, came to the hut of the deceased (**DANIEL PAGE**), inhabited by himself, wife, and child, and another man **JOHN HELY**, requesting, as they frequently had done before, to be put across the river; they were about to comply, and went as far as the bank, when perceiving that the blacks were fully armed, and otherwise suspicious looking, the white men thought it not prudent to leave the shelter of their hut, and after a few words consultation, determined on returning; they had no sooner come to that resolution than one of the blacks threw a spear at Hely, which he

narrowly escaped by stooping his head suddenly. They then made the best of their way to the hut, during which time both men were wounded by boomerangs. Unfortunately all the implements of defence which were in the premises were two knives, with which they succeeded in preventing them entering the house; when unfortunately one door leading to the store was broken open, and Page, in endeavouring to drive them off, received the wound of which he has since died; he, however, succeeded in refastening the door. They then threw the blacks some provisions they had cooked, with which they retired. Immediately on their doing so, the white people set off, with the hope of gaining a vessel (*Flora*, Captain Grimwood), then lying in the Nambucora, about seventeen miles from the scene of violence; but the wounded man being unable to go further than two miles, they were obliged to leave him on the beach, wrapped up in a pair of blankets, and a bottle of water beside him. The others reached the vessel in the evening, the master of which behaved most humanely, rendering the sufferers all the assistance in his power, sending back with the woman next morning two of his sailors well armed, while Hely proceeded to the MLeay River to obtain medical aid, and to report the circumstances to Mr. Merewether, the commissioner. The woman and sailors were not able to find Page the next day, he having removed from the place in which he had been left, in the hope of following his companions to the vessel. They resumed the search on the following morning (Saturday), when, after some difficulty, they found him; he was sensible, but quite exhausted; he was removed to his hut, and died the following day, previously to which he told them that the blacks had discovered him on the beach, and robbed him of his blankets; these miserable miscreants also took out of the hut three bags of flour, sugar, tea, tobacco, pipes, cooking utensils, bedding, &c., and a small boat, which was moored at the wharf. Medical assistance, from the distance, did not arrive until two days after the burial, when he was exhumed, and upon a *post mortem* examination it was discovered that the oesophagus was completely divided, and various other severe contusions upon the abdomen and head, from blows he had received by stones. It is the opinion of the medical man that the injury in the throat was sufficient of itself to cause death. There are five policemen at present engaged in the search after these blacks, and it is to be hoped they will succeed in taking them, as two of them were more than suspected of having been perpetrators of the murder of two men, a woman, and child, some years ago upon the same river. *Herald Correspondent.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/618, 05/06/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Monday afternoon a family named **M'DONALD**, consisting of a man, his wife, and one daughter, a fine young woman, were returning from Hexham to Maitland in a bullock dray, driven by **JAMES CAMERON**, when, as the dray reached a spot in the road where a track turned off to Scott's waterhole, the bullocks suddenly left the road, in spite of Cameron's exertions, and made for the waterhole, they having had no water since Saturday evening. Before they reached the waterhole the dray-wheel came full against a large tree, and the dray was instantly capsized, throwing out all the M'Donalds, and before Cameron could stop the bullocks they had dragged the fallen dray a hundred yards further, dragging it apparently over the body of the young woman, **BARBARA M'DONALD**. When M'Donald got up after the fall, the first thing that met his eye was the insensible form of his daughter, who lay with her head fearfully injured, and bleeding profusely, and one arm crushed near the elbow; her bonnet was full of blood by the time she had been lifted up, and she expired within a very short time. An inquest was held on the

body yesterday, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., Coroner, at the Rose Inn, East Maitland, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

COACH ACCIDENT. - LOSS OF LIFE. - We regret to have to report that between five and six o'clock on Wednesday evening, a collision took place with the Rose omnibus and the Parramatta Royal Mail, at Battee Bridge, on the Parramatta-road, in consequence of which the mail was overturned, one person, named **EDWARD SINCLAIR**, killed upon the spot, and another whose name we have not learned, very much injured. The body of the unfortunate deceased was brought into Sydney and deposited at the Benevolent Asylum, and yesterday afternoon an inquest into the circumstances of the accident was held at Hancock's public-house, Parramatta-street, before the coroner and a jury. **JAMES CONST** [?] deposed as follows:- I started from Homebush for Sydney, on Wednesday afternoon, in the Rose Omnibus, driven by **WILLIAM ANDREWS**; and at about a quarter before six o'clock, at the bottom of the hill below Ireland's , we met the Parramatta mail coach; we were coming towards the bridge, and the mail was going over the bridge; I sat next the driver; our omnibus came in collision with the coach, our left wheel striking their left wheel, and the coach capsized; we were on our own side, and the coach was passing inside of us; the omnibus was not upset; the coach fell partly over the abutments, throwing off the passengers, the deceased Edward Sinclair being one; we were going at the rate of five or six miles an hour; our driver was quite sober; I think the driver of the mail had enough room to pass on his own side of the road; when the coach was taken up he groaned, but did not speak, and in about twenty minutes he died; the mail was thrown completely on its side; I cannot say whether **DUNN**, the driver of the mail, was sober or not; the mail was proceeding pretty quickly, I should say at the rate of six miles an hour; each vehicle was drawn by four horses; our leaders were on the bridge before the mail crossed us – in fact, part of the vehicle was on the bridge when the leaders of both took a turn; neither of the drivers was flogging his horses; our driver attempted as hard as he could to pull up, but could not do so in time to prevent the accident. The inquest then adjourned for further evidence until Saturday, June 1st. *Herald, May 31.*

The Inquiry before the Coroner into the circumstances attendant on the death of **EDWARD SINCLAIR**, by the collision of the Rose omnibus and the mail coach, on Wednesday last, was on Saturday resumed, the two drivers, **WILLIAM ANDREWS** and **WILLIAM DUNN**, being in charge. **DANIEL SULLIVAN**, a passenger by the omnibus, corroborated the statement of **CONST** in most particulars, adding that the deceased was sitting on the front of the coach, and when it overturned he fell on his back across the sleepers of the bridge, and from thence down the precipice; the mail shot right across the leaders of the omnibus; the driver of the mail had quite sufficient room to pass on his own side; I think he must have pulled the wrong rein by mistake; did not see any gig coming on the right side of the omnibus. **THOMAS CLUNE** deposed, that he was on the Parramatta road at the time of the accident, about a hundred yards from the two carriages, both of which appeared to him to be on their wrong side; in his opinion, neither of the drivers could have prevented the accident, as the two carriages came very suddenly upon each other; the cart he was in passed the omnibus on the right side before it moved after the collision. **ARCHIBALD ASHDOWN** deposed that he was a passenger by the mail-coach from Sydney as far as Ashfield, on Wednesday afternoon; before we came to the bridge we were going at a moderate pace; there had been some impediments immediately before reaching the bridge, in consequence of which the driver had pulled up a little; it was light enough to see everything at the time of the collision; the omnibus was coming at a rather rapid pace on the wrong side of the road – on the side that we ought to have been on; on the

omnibus approaching the bridge it was driving on the curve of the road on the right hand side; when we approached the bridge I was certain that if the mail pursued its own course a collision was unavoidable, and our driver endeavoured to take the other side of the road – his wrong side – and the omnibus driver did the same, when the two vehicles came in contact; if the omnibus had kept on its wrong side we should have passed in safety, and if the omnibus driver had been on his own side of the road no accident would have occurred. **THOMAS SIMMONS** deposed that at the time of the collision the omnibus driver was endeavouring to get across to his own side of the road, but it was too late. Dr. **TIERNEY** deposed that he had examined the body of the deceased, and he was of opinion he died from rupture of the liver and the shock sustained by the nervous system. Mr. **MOSELY M. COHEN** had frequently travelled the road with both the drivers before the court, and believed them both to be experienced, careful, and skilful drivers. The coroner summed up the whole of the evidence, and left the case in the hands of the jury, who found a verdict of died from injuries accidentally received. *Herald, June 3.*

QUEANBEYAN. - FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, an inquest was held at Ginninderry Creek, before Dr. **MORTON**, the coroner for the district, and a jury of twelve men, on view of the body of **JAMES MASON**, aged thirty-two, then lying dead. The coroner and jury having made a careful inspection of the deceased, and of the place where he was found dead, it appeared, from that inspection, and from the evidence adduced, that the deceased, a recently arrived immigrant (whose untimely death has left a widow and young family destitute) was in temporary charge of a flock of sheep belonging to Mr. **PALMER**, of Ginninderry, and that he had followed an opossum up a tree, a height of about thirty feet, and while endeavouring to reach the animal by means of a small stick, the branch on which he stood gave way, and he was precipitated to the ground, falling on his head. He was found next morning, under a tree, quite dead, with blood oozing from the nose and mouth. The jury returned a verdict of “died from injuries sustained by falling from a tree.” No one having seen the accident, the jury came to this verdict from circumstantial evidence only, but that of the clearest nature, viz. – marks on the tree as if made by a person climbing, a recently broken branch about thirty feet from the ground on which no doubt deceased stood, about five or six feet higher very distinct finger marks on another branch, evidently made by deceased grasping when the branch slipped from under him. There were also marks of the opossum’s claws on one of the small branches broken off, and a quantity of the fur of that animal close to the tree, *Goulburn Herald, June 1*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/619, 08/06/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Monday morning an inquest was held at Parramatta on the body of a man of colour, said to be the cook or steward of the *Rose* steamer, trading between Sydney and Maitland. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased was at Homebush Races on Friday last, on horseback, when an accident occurred, narrated as follows by an eye-witness:- **FRANCIS SHIELDS**, a servant to Captain **BATTY**, of the 23rd regiment, said he was at the Homebush races on Friday last, in company with the deceased, but did not know his name; that he (witness) had been drinking with him on the course, and was close to him when he was thrown from his horse; there was a gig capsized and a rush was made, at which time some person on horseback knocked against the horse on which he was sitting, the reins of his horse gave way, and he lost all management of him; the deceased fell on his head and shoulder; there were some pieces of broken glass on the spot, which just made a

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small graze on the temple; did not know the name of the person on horseback who rode against him; deceased could not ride well; persons present thought he was dead, for he laid half-an-hour apparently lifeless, until his face was washed, when he revived a little; he was bled on the spot; witness believed that deceased was three parts drunk, and that no person was to blame; it was quite an accident.” The deceased was taken to the Parramatta Hospital, and was attended by Dr. **HILL** and Dr. **ROBERTSON**, but died from a compression of the brain produced by the rupture of a large blood-vessel. The jury returned a verdict of natural death. *Abridged from the Herald, June 5*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/620, 12/06/1850

THE PRESENT MRS. CLARKSON. - *Bell's Life* states that the Attorney General has declined to prosecute the present Mrs. Clarkson on the charge for which she was committed.

SYDNEY NEWS

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Thursday and Friday

Before Mr. Justice Dickinson: **ANGELINA MARY HUGHES HALLETT** alias **ELYARD** alias **ELLIOTT** was indicted for having, on the 29th January last, forcible taken away one **JULIA BROWN**, an infant aged five years, with intent to deprive one **MICHAEL GEORGE BROWN** of the possession of the said infant. In the same indictment also, **THOMAS RUSSELL DUIGAN**, **JAMES GRIFFITHS**, and **MARY ANN CORMACK**, were charged with having aided the first named prisoner to escape from justice, by harbouring, concealing, and assisting her, they at the same time being well aware that she had committed the before mentioned felony. There were three other counts in the information; in one of these Mrs. Hallett was charged with enticing the child away by fraud, in another she was detaining the child by force; and in the last she was charged with detaining her by fraud. In each of these counts the other prisoners were charged as accessories after the fact. The evidence given in the case ran to a great length, occupying two days, but it was little more than an enlarged recapitulation of what has already been published from the police-office examinations. The jury returned a verdict of guilty against Mrs. Hallett on the last two counts, for detention by force and by fraud; and of guilty of being accessories against Dr. Duigan and Griffiths; they returned a verdict of not guilty as regarded Mrs. Cormack. Mrs. Cormack was discharged. Mrs. Hallett was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, with hard labour. As regarded Dr. Duigan and Griffiths, judgement was reserved, a point being reserved for argument as to whether a conviction made under the statute of an accessory would hold good where the aiding and abetting had been subsequent to the commission of the felony, and not at the time of the commission. *Abridged from the Herald.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/621, 15/06/1850

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – re INQUESTS.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Wednesday, June 12

Before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Dickinson

MARY ANN CLARKSON'S recognizances to appear to take her trial were vacated, the Attorney General stating that he had no intention to prosecute. *Abr. from Herald.*

LUNATIC ASYLUM

To the Editors of the S.M. Herald.

GENTLEMEN – I yesterday interred the bodies of **JAMES HUTCHINSON** and **SAMUEL TODD** (two lunatics) in the burial ground at Tarban Creek, and there are circumstances connected with their deaths which imperatively demand investigation.

The Surgery Dispenser of the Asylum stated in my presence previous to the interments that Hutchinson, who was labouring under pulmonary disease, had been found dead on Monday morning, lying on the stone flags of the crib-room, where he slept with several other patients, by one of whom he had been much annoyed and pulled about during Sunday night. The dispenser moreover stated that Todd, who was suffering from aneurism, had also been found in a similar situation, not then dead – though he died in the course of the day.

I say nothing of the cause of these poor creatures being so situated.

Ryde Parsonage, June 12.

GEORGE E. TURNER

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/622, 19/06/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - An awful and most distressing accident occurred at Newtown on Thursday last. A man of the name of **GRAY**, shoemaker, residing near Bates' public-house, on the Newtown road, left his family early in the morning for the purpose of procuring something for breakfast at a neighbouring shop; on returning in a few minutes after to his house, the horrifying spectacle presented itself of his eldest child, a girl of about five years old, lying on the ground, in a state of insensibility, and burnt almost to death. The frantic father took the child in his arms, and ran out into the street, calling for assistance in the most heart-rending tones. Medical aid was procured but the poor child died in about two hours after the accident. The unfortunate man lost his wife about four months ago. The cause of the accident is supposed to have originated in the deceased having incautiously gone too near the fire in the room for some purpose as yet unaccounted for. *Herald, June 17.*

SUSPICION OF MURDER. - On Thursday afternoon, the body of a man named **DEVONSHIRE**, who had been missing since last Monday week, was found near the monument to the memory of La Perouse, at Botany, bearing on the head marks of violence. The circumstance was reported at the Coroner's office, and in consequence of enquiries made by Mr. **SINGLETON**, of the Coroner's department, that officer has considered it his duty to apprehend a person named **WILLIAM BRADLEY**, on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of Devonshire. The deceased and Bradley were owners of a coasting craft of which the latter was master. The body has been brought into town, and an inquest will be held thereon today. *Herald, June 15.*

DEATH BY DROWNING. - The body of a man named **DEHINEY [DERRNKEY]** was yesterday found drowned in Darling Harbour. An inquest will be holden on the body this morning. *Herald, June 15.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/623, 22/06/1850

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - Another of the sad dray accidents which have been so frequently lately occurred on Tuesday last, the unfortunate sufferer being in a state of drunkenness at the time. Mr. **PATRICK M'MANUS**, of Singleton, had entrusted his hired servant, **PATRICK KELLY**, with a dray-load of goods to take to Morpeth, and on Monday Mr. M'Manus passed the dray on its way, at Lochinvar, when he gave Kelly 23s. 6d. in silver, and rode on himself to Morpeth. Kelly, it appears, had got between East Maitland and Morpeth with the dray about mid-day on Tuesday, but about two o'clock in the afternoon a carrier named **ROBERT CARTER**, of page's River, who was driving a load of two tons of tallow on his own dray, met with Kelly walking on the road, and Kelly begged him to give him a lift that he might overtake

his dray; at this time Kelly was very drunk. Carter consented, and Kelly got up, and laid down on Carter's bed, which was on the top of the load; the dray was covered over with canvas, the sides being done up with sticks, and Kelly was underneath the canvas. Carter drove on till he reached the place at Morpeth where the roads separate, when he saw a man in front of him holding up his hands, and heard him call out to stop the bullocks; Carter immediately stopped them, the man informing him he saw Kelly fall out of the dray; Carter went back a little, and found Kelly lying in the road, senseless, and from the track of the near wheel it was obvious that the wheel had gone over the middle of his body. A medical man was sent for, who advised that Kelly should be at once removed to the Maitland Hospital, which was done by the police. An inquest was held on the body on Thursday, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, when the above evidence was given, and Dr. **M'CARTNEY**, having examined the body, gave his opinion that death had been caused by the accident. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, adding that the deceased was at the time of the accident in a state of drunkenness, and unable to take care of himself.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Saturday and (by adjournment) yesterday, at the house of Robert Hancock, Parramatta-street, on view of the body of **WILLIAM DEVONSHIRE**, then lying in the dead-house of the Benevolent Asylum, **WILLIAM BRADLEY** being in custody. The evidence given was corroborative of Bradley's account of the transaction; that his mate and part owner (Devonshire) had landed from the cutter at Botany to obtain an order for coals from Mrs. **CASTILLA**; had got the order, and made his way towards the point from whence he was to go off to the cutter; that it became dark, and he lost his way, and was put on it again by a woman at whose house he had called; and that Bradley landed in a dingy to meet and bring him off, he could see or hear nothing of him, expressing great surprise in his enquiries that his mate should, as was suggested, have returned overland to Sydney. The next morning Devonshire's body was found among the rocks at the foot of a little precipice. Mr. **RUSSELL**, house surgeon of the Benevolent Asylum, after having described the state of the body, the injuries it had received, deposed that death was caused by drowning combined with those injuries. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and Bradley was discharged from custody. *Abridged from the Herald, June 19.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/624, 26/06/1850

MURDER BY THE BLACKS AT WARIALDA. Shepherd. See 8/625.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Sunday last, two children at Colo, the one aged four and the other two years, both girls, daughters of a Mr. **WILLIAM BULLOCK**, were left for a few minutes by the fire, whilst their mother went out to see if a hen had laid which she heard cackling. On her return she found both the children partly in flames. The elder had her hair much singed, but the younger was dreadfully burned. The little sufferer lingered in great agony until nine o'clock p.m., when she expired. Previous to the mother going out, she had raked some live ashes upon the hearth to bake a damper, and it appeared that the children, during her absence, had seated themselves on the other side of the hob, and thus caught fire. An inquest was held, and a verdict returned of accidental death by burning. *Herald, June 21.*

EXECUTION. - The men Wagner and Fitzgerald, convicted of murder, and sentenced to death at the late Moreton Bay Assizes, have been warned that they will be hanged on Monday, the 9th of July next, at Brisbane, Moreton Bay. The Under Sheriff will proceed thither to see the sentence carried out. *S.M. Herald.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/625, 29/06/1850

MAITLAND QUARTER SESSIONS. - There are three cases added to the list of cases for trial, viz. **THOMAS HARRINGTON and CHARLES LAWN**, assault with intent, Maitland bench; ...

CALLANDOON. - JUNE 15. - I am sorry to inform you that a man named **JAMES M'KIRK**, a shepherd in the employment of Mr. **JOHN M'MILLAN**, was killed by the blacks on the 10th ultimo. Mr. M'Millan has lately formed a new station upon the head of one of the branches of the Weer (a Macintyre water) about five miles from Callandoon, the head-quarters of the native police. The flock of sheep which the deceased had in charge, having returned to the station at the usual hour in the evening, without the shepherd, caused the overseer to go in search of him, but as it soon became dark, he was not found. In the morning the overseer with two other men continued the search, and found the body of the deceased about half a mile from the hut. The man was quite dead, and had a severe cut apparently from a tomahawk on the head, also a bad wound in the face, and his neck bore the marks of strangulation, the impression of numerous finger nails being visible. The news of the murder having reached the lieutenant of the native police on the 12th ultimo, he started the next day for Mr. M'Millan's station. This is the second murder within the last four months, committed by the same blacks.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/626, 03/07/1850

MAITLAND QUARTER SESSIONS

WOUNDING WITH INTENT. - **THOMAS HARRINGTON and CHARLES LAWN** were indicted for wounding **JAMES SUMMERVILLE**, on the head, face, and neck, with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm, at Morpeth, on the 1st May, 1850.

...He called Mr. **W SCOTT**, J.P., who gave Lawn a good character for twelve or fourteen years, during which he had known him well; he was an excellent tradesman, industrious, and he believed quiet in his demeanour.

... the jury retired for a quarter of an hour, and returned with a verdict of guilty against both parties, but recommending them to mercy on the ground that the prisoners were not the first to commence the assault. The prisoners were each sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

ACCIDENT. - ?? **WILLIAM NEAL**, aged 70, fell broke thigh, missed wheel??

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - Yesterday evening an inquest was held at Mrs. Allinson's public-house, Darlinghurst, on view of the body of **DANIEL DWYER**, then lying dead at Darlinghurst. From the evidence of **ENOCH W. BOOTY** it appeared that on Tuesday last he and deceased were riding by the Cockatoo Inn, in Bourke-street, when the horse rode by the latter shied, and he (deceased) fell over his head, and was severely injured. Mr. Surgeon **PACKARD** was sent for, who attended him, and on Thursday Mr. Packard called Mr. Surgeon **CARTWRIGHT** to visit deceased; in the course of the day he expired. Both the medical gentlemen attributed the death of the unfortunate man to injury of the spine caused by the concussion of his fall from the horse. The jury found a verdict of accidental death. Deceased had some property, and was about 60 years of age. *Herald, June 29.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/627, 06/07/1850

GOULBURN. - CASE OF MURDER. - We believe a woman has been received into our gaol, charged with shooting a man, at the utmost limits of the colony, about

six hundred miles distant. The particulars of the case have not yet reached us. *Herald Correspondent*.

DEATH BY HANGING. - An inquest was held on the 25th June, by **J.B. WEST**, Esq., Coroner of the district, at the Bush Inn, Hall Creek, on the body of **JOHN CARTER**, who it appeared from the evidence, was a hawker, travelling with a cart and two horses, having goods for sale; that he camped at Hall Creek, and when last seen alive, on the 16th June, he was at his cart, and that he left there to fetch a horse that he had lost, which was found some distance off; he took a pair of winkers and a tether rope with him; however, after seven or eight days had elapsed, some children were in the bush, about half a mile from the inn, in a very obscure place, and observed the body of a man suspended from the limb of a tree; the body was afterwards identified as that of John Carter, and to all appearances had been dead since the day he left his cart, as before stated. The deceased had, previous to getting up the tree, removed some boughs that were scattered about the tree, and piled them in a heap a little distance off, then put a limb against the tree to assist him in mounting his gallows; he then twisted the rope twenty-six times round the limb of the tree, fixed it round his neck, and threw himself off a height of about twelve feet, his legs being about eighteen inches from the ground. When found hanging dead, the deceased's cart, horses, and goods were all safe, and taken possession of by district constable **MURRAY**, stationed at Merton. It further appeared that the unfortunate man had been for some time, to all appearance, in a state of despondency, supposing to arise from some misfortune in money matters. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased hung himself during a fit of temporary insanity.

LOST AT SEA. - **CHARLES EDGAR GRIFFIN**, 2nd Officer, Duke of Roxburgh, lost overboard 2/6 while at sea.

THE CAPTAIN STANLEY SENIORITY SCRAMBLE. His successors in seniority?

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Tuesday, July 2

The **QUEEN v DUIGAN and GRIFFITHS**.

The prisoners had been convicted of aiding one **ANGELINA MARY HUGHES HALLETT** to escape from justice, but a point had been raised whether they could legally be convicted of felony under an act cited as accessories after the fact, the counsel for the defence arguing that they could only be convicted for a misdemeanour, and that therefore the present conviction must fall. While the argument was proceeding the court pointed out that in a later act the offence was made a felony, and that therefore the conviction was good. The prisoners were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment, to be computed from the day of conviction.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/628, 10/07/1850

DEATH ACCELERATED BY INTEMPERANCE. - An inquest was commenced on Monday and concluded yesterday, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., Coroner, at Black Creek, on the body of **DOMINIC GALUPY [SALESPY??]**. It appeared that Galupy was an elderly man, and much given to intemperance. On the 1st instant his son-in-law, Mr. **BRYAN EGAN**, opened a public-house at Black Creek, and as usual a good deal of drinking had been going on, in which Galupy took part. On Thursday Galupy was seen by constable **DWYER** very much intoxicated, and looking as if he had been labouring under the effects of drink for some days; late on Friday evening Mr. Egan asked a neighbour, **JOHN REARDON**, who called in, to see Galupy, who was then in bed, and apparently in a dying state; Reardon was alarmed at his appearance, and went to fetch his wife and daughter, gelling them he thought Galupy

was dying; in about an hour afterwards Galupy expired. When the body was laid out a black mark or discolouration was observed on the inner part of the left arm and down the left side, and rumours spread that some person had pushed the deceased against a fence, or otherwise injured him; the coroner called several witnesses to trace out these rumours, but each party called had only heard reports, and in each case the violence was imputed to different persons. Yesterday a post mortem examination by Dr. **SCOTT** established that violence had not been used to deceased so as in any way to cause death, but that a disease of the lungs, of long standing, had been greatly aggravated by recent continued intemperance – death in Dr. Scott's opinion being caused by the inflammation of the left lung, excited by intemperance. The jury returned a verdict of death from inflammation of the lungs, accelerated by acts of intemperance.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - Neither is our district fertile in accidents, the most prominent being a case of a young man named **WILLIAM BOYD**, residing at Camden, who was lately thrown from his horse, which reared and fell on top of him. Concussion of the brain was produced by the fall, and the poor fellow never recovered, although all was done for him which circumstances rendered possible; he died in about forty-eight hours, having remained during the interval in a state of rigidity. *Camden Correspondent of the Herald.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/630, 17/07/1850

BREACH OF PEACE by **HENRY GOULD** (father) v **JOHN AUBREY** son shot.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/631, 20/07/1850

Mr. **M'GUIGAN**, who for some time past was master of the *Mermaid*, employed in the Newcastle trade, was drowned in Newcastle on Saturday. It appears that the deceased was very much intoxicated when he left the town for the purpose of going on board his vessel. An inquest was held on the body, and a verdict returned of "found drowned." *July 18.*

EXECUTION of **WAGNER and FITZGERALD.**

SUDDEN DEATH. - About half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning, a man named [**GEORGE**] **NORTH**, residing at Burdekin's-terrace, and in the employment of Mr. **ANDREWS**, Brickfield Hill, was seen lying on the mud at or near Ryan's slaughter-house, where he had been sent by Mr. Andrews for offal, and on the people at work going up to him, found that he was dead; he left home at six o'clock in the morning in his usual health, and when transacting his business at the slaughter-house, a minute of two before his death, appeared to be quite well. Mr. **R.W. NELSON**, of Pitt-street, surgeon, was immediately sent for, but of no avail. In the afternoon an inquest was held at the Hand and Heart public house, in the vicinity of the catastrophe, and a verdict of death from natural causes returned. *Herald, July 17.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/632, 24/07/1850

A MAN BURNT TO DEATH IN HIS HUT. - On Monday an inquest was held at the Paterson Hotel, Paterson, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., Coroner, on the body of **JOHN RYAN**. It appeared from the evidence of **JOHN BUCKLEY, CHARLES ROBINS, and BOYFIELD WORMERSLY**, that Ryan and Buckley lived in adjoining rooms or huts, both being shoemakers in the employ of Mr. Wormersly. On Saturday about mid-day Mr. Wormersly took Buckley some work, and afterwards Mr. Wormersly accompanied Ryan to the Paterson Hotel, where Ryan drank three glasses of rum, and then went to see the doctor; he again returned to the Hotel, and took one more glass of

rum, and then appears to have gone home again. In the course of the afternoon Buckley heard Ryan talking and "going on" in his room, and heard him call his (Buckley's) wife improper names; as this was the first time such a thing had happened, Buckley concluded that Ryan was intoxicated; Ryan, it appears, bore the reputation of being "a cranky character," and Buckley did not go to him. After dark Ryan called to Buckley to lend him a blanket or some bags, but Buckley replied that he had neither to lend; again, later, Ryan called out to ask Buckley to come in and cover him with a rug, and Buckley called out that he would if Ryan would open his door; Ryan at first said he would, but then said "I cannot get up;" Buckley told him he could not get in if he did not open the door. After this Buckley heard Ryan talking to himself for some time, but nothing more occurred to attract his attention. The next morning Buckley rose as usual, between seven and eight o'clock, and went outside to walk up and down; he was surprised to see no smoke coming from Ryan's chimney, as was usual, and having learnt from his wife that she had seen nothing of Ryan that morning, Buckley looked through a crack in the door, and saw Ryan lying still, and apparently dead and much burnt, in the fire-place; Buckley called to another neighbour to look, who said that Ryan was evidently dead, and then went for Mr. Wormersly and the chief constable; the chief constable opened the door, on his arrival, and Ryan was found dead in the fire-place. The jury returned a verdict that Ryan came to his death from injuries received from fire by falling into the fire-place in his hut some time on Saturday night; they also found that he had been drinking during the day, but that there was no evidence to show how his clothes caught fire, or that he was in an unfit state to take care of himself.

CARCOAR. - MURDER. - A man named [**OLIVER**] **DWYER** was found, on Sunday evening last, in the bush about two miles and a half from this township, quite dead, with several wounds in different parts of the body. There is no doubt he has been murdered, and it is supposed in consequence of having been in the habit of carrying money about with him. The inquest was held yesterday, and adjourned to eleven o'clock this morning (July 15), the particulars of which I will forward by next post. *Correspondent of the Herald.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/633, 27/07/1850

A MAN FOUND HANGING. - On Saturday an inquest took place at the Angel Inn, Liverpool road, on the body of a man [**JOHN MORRIS**, see 8/634]. It appeared from the evidence that deceased was a tailor, and that on Thursday evening he went into the taproom of the Angel Inn, and sat down by the fire, saying he had come to warm himself; his manner seemed strange, and he said he had come from the Clarence, and was looking for work; he was sober, and left again without having anything to drink. On Friday morning he was found dead, hanging to one of the rafters in the stable of Mr. **FAULKNER**, timber merchant, near the Angel Inn, he was suspended by a halter, and his hands were tied together and one leg thrust through, so as to bring them under the knee. He appeared about fifty-five years old. Two persons who had conversed with deceased on Thursday night thought him insane. A verdict was returned in accordance with the evidence. *Herald's Parramatta Correspondent.*

MUDGEES. MURDER, AND MURDEROUS ASSAULT ON A SECOND PERSON. On the 30th ultimo, two men named **GLEESON** and **TRACEY**, whilst drinking at a public-house at Mudgee, quarrelled and fought, when the former obtained some advantage over his antagonist. Subsequently Tracey went to the hut where he resided. Late in the evening of the same day, Gleeson went thither also, and challenged out Tracey to fight again. The challenge, it would seem, was accepted, and Tracey came

out of the hut, when Gleeson sprang on him with an open knife, and stabbed him on the thigh. Tracey's cries for assistance brought out a hut-mate, named **BROOKES**, but before this person could render any assistance he received a stab in the groin, and now lies in a precarious state. Intelligence of the occurrence reached the police shortly afterwards, and on their proceeding to Tracey's hut he was found lying lifeless from the loss of blood, and from the state Brookes was in, had their arrival been many minutes later, he would also have been dead. Gleeson's hut, it appears, was only a short distance away, and the police proceeded thither, and he was captured; but not until he had made such resistance, being armed with an axe and a knife, as rendered their retreat for additional aid necessary. The deceased and the prisoner, it is reported, had some years previously, when working together as sawyers, quarrelled, and fought over a saw. Gleeson was formerly in the army, but transported to this colony for mutiny. *Abridged from the Bathurst Free Press.*

MURDER NEAR CARCOAR. - An inquest was held at Carcoar on Monday and Tuesday last, before Mr. **NORTH**, on the body of **JOHN DWYER**. From the evidence it appeared that Dwyer was an industrious man, who had lived in that neighbourhood for some time, working as a hut-keeper or shepherd; and that he usually carried money about his person. On Friday evening, the 12th, Dwyer went to Mallow Grove, Mr. **BLIGH'S** station, where he had been occasionally employed, and slept there that night with a man named **FLOOD**, in Mr. Bligh's employment. On the Saturday morning Dwyer left Mallow Grove, saying he was going to carcoar, and would not come back that way; at this time Flood was at work at Mallow Grove, and he remained at work there all day. Nothing more seems to have been seen of Dwyer alive. On the Sunday afternoon Mr. **N. CONOLLY**, Jun., was returning from Canowindra, and when he had got about a mile and a half from Carcoar his attention was arrested by the barking of a dog, which he recognised to be Dwyer's dog; Mr. Conolly followed the dog, and it led the way to where the body of Dwyer lay, apparently dead, and blood appearing on the mouth and nose. Mr. Conolly was driving some young horses at the time, and he did not dismount, but rode home quickly, got a fresh horse, and rode into Carcoar to inform the police. When the chief constable came to Dwyer's body, the faithful dog was found by its side, licking the hands of its murdered master. Tracks were found as if the body had been dragged some distance, and some yards from the body a gum stick was found, with marks of blood on it. Dr. **BELL** made a post mortem examination, and found two lacerated wounds on the scalp, extending to the skull, but not fracturing it; a lacerated wound in front of the chin; a severe contusion on the back of one hand, and ten punctured wounds on the lower part of the chest and upper part of the belly; of these punctured wounds two only penetrated to the cavity of the belly, the remainder extending only to the skin and muscles; these penetrated wounds appear to have been inflicted by a sharp pointed knife, and all the other wounds apparently by a stick or bludgeon, such as the gum-stick produced. Dr. Bell considered death had been caused by the wounds on the head, coupled with the subsequent exposure in the bush; and he was also of opinion that Dwyer could not have long survived the influence of the wounds on the head. Two men were apprehended on suspicion, but nothing was elicited to bring the matter home to them, and they were discharged. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown. *Abridged from the Bathurst Free Press, 20th July.*

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT. - The townspeople were thrown into a state of consternation on Saturday morning last by the arrival of news that the dead body of Captain **LISTER** was lying on the Wellington road, on the falling ground towards

Evans' Plains Creek. An Inquest was subsequently held on the body, and it was proved that on Friday Captain Lister was in Bathurst, transacting business, and appears to have left town to proceed homewards about four or five o'clock in the afternoon, being then quite sober. The next morning, early, Mr. **SAMUEL PHILLIPS**, of Molong, was coming on the road into town, when he met with the dead body of Captain Lister lying near his gig, which was upset. It appeared by the marks left that the wheel had come in contact with a stump, and that the gig ran on one wheel for some yards, and then upset; Captain Lister was found with the reins twisted about his legs, and appeared to have been dragged from the spot where he had been thrown out by the stump. The post mortem examination by Dr. **MACHATTIE** showed that death resulted from concussion of the brain, aggravated by exposure to the cold frosty night, death not having been immediate. A verdict of found dead was returned. *Abridged from the Bathurst Free Press, July 20.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/634, 31/07/1850

A MAN MISSING. - On Monday the 15th instant, a tailor named **JOHN MORRIS** [see 8/633], who with his wife had been for a short time lodging at Mr. **RANDALL'S**, hairdresser, West Maitland, left home to go to collect some money, having then only one shilling in his pocket, which he spent on the road. He went to Mr. **FERGUSON'S**, Dunmore, to ask for 18s. owing to him, and stopped there for the night; the next morning he left to come into Maitland again, Mr. Ferguson telling him he would bring in the money and pay him, and Morris telling Mr. Ferguson to pay his wife, if Mr. F. got into Maitland before he did. Mr. Ferguson the same day called on Mrs. Morris and paid the money, but nothing more has been seen of Morris, who never returned to Maitland. In last Saturday's *Mercury* was published an abridged report of an inquest being held on the body of a man, name unknown, who arrived at the Angel Inn, Liverpool Road, near Parramatta, on Thursday evening, the 18th, apparently much tired, and saying that he was a tailor, and had come from the Clarence in search of work; he warmed himself by the fire in the Angel Inn tap, left again, and the next morning was found hanging, dead, to the rafters in a stables on the premises of a timber merchant near the Angel Inn. As Morris had come from Clarence Town (Williams River) to Maitland, and had always spoken of where he came from as "the Clarence" (a term used occasionally, it appears, in the neighbourhood), it is thought by many that Morris, whose manner was somewhat wild, had wandered down to Parramatta, and hung himself. The descriptions of the two men agree on some points, but differ in others. The full description of the man found hanging is given in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 24th instant, under the head "Parramatta." The following is the description of Morris and his dress, as given by Mr. Randall:- Age, about fifty; height, about 5 feet 5 inches; forefinger of right hand damaged, by a fistula having been cut out, but no other marks observed (the right forefinger of the man found hanging was stated to be off, and a woman and other marks branded on the arms); wore boots nearly new, a check tweed coat, grey tweed trousers, black waistcoat, and an old black hat battered down; had a wild look about the eyes, and hair cut close round the head, but a singular looking tuft left standing up on the crown, above the forehead.

SUDDEN DEATH. - Yesterday morning the wife of Mr. **DANIEL ROGERS**, publican of Sydney, inadvertently, and not dreaming of the consequences, removed from her leg a small cicatrix, about the size of half a pea, when the blood immediately spouted out, and flowed so abundantly that before medical assistance could be procured she had bled to death. This is much to be lamented, because a compress on

the orifice, or even pressure with the thumb, would have been sufficient till a surgeon arrived.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Wednesday, an inquest was held at Smith's, Observer Tavern, Lower George-street, on the body of **MICHAEL MULLINS [MULLENS]** then lying dead. **JOSEPH BRAYLEY** deposed that about half-past one o'clock, he and a man, who was with him in the boat, went on shore at Long Nose Point for some water, and while proceeding to the water-hole, a dog rushed towards them, barking and running away; they followed the dog a short distance, when they came upon the body of the deceased, which was quite dead, cold, and stiff, lying on his back. Information was given of this circumstance, and the body was removed to the Water Police Office. **MARGARET MULLINS**, residing on the Balmain Road, deposed that the body viewed by the jury was that of her husband; three years ago he had a paralytic stroke, since which time he had not been right in his mind; on Monday last, she left home to do a day's washing, and on her return in the evening found the house locked up and her husband absent, and did not see him again alive; she missed a bag out of the house, and she was of opinion that deceased had gone out with a view of gathering native currants. He was a very quiet, sober man. Dr. **TIERNEY**, having viewed the body, was of opinion that death was caused by inanition and exposure to cold, the weather having been, during the last few days, very cold and wet. *Herald, July 26.*

LONGEVITY. - A man of Gipsy race, named **HENRY BUCKLED**, expired on Thursday last at the advanced age of one hundred years and forty-four days, at a small house in Campbell's Buildings, Miller's Point. *Herald, July 27.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/635, 03/08/1850

HARTLEY. - MELANCHOLY DEATH FROM INTOXICATION. - An inquest was held on the 18th July, at Mr. Bennings's inn, before **HEYWOOD ATKINS**, Esq., coroner for the district, touching the death of a poor woman named **BARS**, found dead in the bush. [??Mary Cooper??] It appeared from the evidence that the deceased, who lived near Cox's River, had been to Hassan's Walls on Sunday, the 14th, and was remarked in the evening of that day, on her return home, to be under the influence of liquor. Her body was found on the following Wednesday on a ridge about equidistant between the main road and her house, with some rum in a bottle lying beside it. From these causes, and from the position of her head and other appearances exhibited by the body, a verdict of "died from suffocation" was returned, which no doubt had been caused by drinking too freely of the rum. It is very probable that her death was accelerated by exposure to the night air. Deceased was about eighty years of age. The inclemency of the weather alone would be sufficient, in a person of her years, we apprehend, to cause death. *Bathurst Free Press.*

REMARKABLE DEATH. - An inquest was held at Mrs. Stone's public-house, Pitt-street, on the body of **ANNA MARIA BLENKINSOP**. On Sunday, about noon, she was washing herself, when suddenly she called out for assistance. Blood was seen to be issuing from her person, and on examination it was found to be proceeding from a vein in her leg. The limb was bandaged and Dr. **M'KELLAR** sent for, but before his arrival she was dead. Dr. M'Kellar deposed that a varicose vein in the right leg had ruptured; the slightest pressure on the vein would have saved her life, but the bandage applied above the orifice caused the blood to flow so rapidly that dissolution soon ensued. There was the appearance of a small pimple where the bleeding orifice existed. Verdict, died from the rupture of a blood vessel in the leg. *Herald, July 30.*

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. - About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, a person named **GRAHAM**, keeping a grocer's shop in King-street, attempted to put a period to his existence by shooting. Doctors **RUTTER and HOUSTON** were immediately sent for, who found that the shot had taken effect on one ear, and entered the head just above it; but the wound is very little more than skin deep, and there is hope that the man will live to repent of his rash attempt. *Herald, July 30.*

INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Thursday, at the Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle, Morpeth, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., coroner, on the body of **MARIA HARDWICK**. It appeared from the evidence that Mrs. Hardwick, who had latterly been addicted to drink, had been for the last fortnight almost constantly intoxicated, and on Tuesday last, being then tipsy, complained very much of being very unwell, and was put to bed; she was worse on Wednesday morning, and a medical man as sent for, but apparently before one arrived she had expired. It was generally reported about Morpeth, and expressly to the police, that the woman's illness arose from a kicking and beating inflicted by her husband; **JOSEPH HARDWICK**, and the coroner had a number of witnesses summoned to sift this out, if it was correct. It was proved by two witnesses that on Tuesday Hardwick came home drunk, and found his wife also drunk but about her house-hold work, and that some little time afterwards they had some words in the kitchen about five shillings Hardwick accused his wife of taking; one of these witnesses deposed that while he remained within hearing he heard no blows or kicking, or similar sounds; and the other witness, **PRISCILLA KING**, deposed that during the whole of the time Hardwick then remained with his wife she was in sight of them, and that he neither struck nor kicked his wife, but after a few minutes wrangling he went away. Another witness, **SARAH THOMPSON**, deposed that she saw Mrs. Hardwick in the afternoon of Tuesday, and found her complaining of being very bad, but that Mrs. Hardwick never said a word to her of ill-usage from her husband, or of his having kicked or struck her. On the other hand, two witnesses, **THOMAS LEONARD** and his wife, deposed positively that Thompson, on the afternoon of Tuesday, told them that Mrs. Hardwick was very bad, and had been put to bed, and that she did not think Mrs. Hardwick would ever rise again, from a beating and kicking she received from her husband. **MARY COOK**, who had washed and laid out the body after death, deposed positively that she found no scratch or mark on the body, nor any blood on the clothing. Dr. **WILTON** performed a *post mortem* examination, and saw no external marks of violence, but found that death had been caused by disease of the bowels, omentum, and neighbouring parts, which had been existing some time, and which he thought had been aggravated by intemperance. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

THE MISSING MAN FOUND. [see 8/633 and 8/634] In our last we mentioned that a person named **JOHN MORRIS** had been missing from Maitland since Tuesday, the 16th July, and that fears were entertained that he was the man found hanging, dead, in a stable on the Liverpool Road, near Parramatta, on the morning of the 19th July. We are happy to say that on Wednesday last Morris rode into town on a cart, having come from somewhere over about Dunmore, but where he had been all the while he would not say; as, however, he had evidently been imbibing deeply for some time, the mystery was easily divined. It is clear, therefore, that the unfortunate man found near Parramatta must have been "somebody else." Morris, when told that it had been reported that he had hung himself, said that he had not done so, and that it would be a long day before he should.

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE. - We regret to state that a young gentleman named **THOMSON**, residing on Mr. **CROWDER'S** station Weraga, Darling Downs,

committed suicide on the 6th inst. by poisoning himself, it is supposed with strychnine, while labouring under severe mental depression or temporary derangement. An enquiry took place before Mr. **MACKENZIE**, the nearest magistrate, touching the circumstances, but we are not able to furnish further particulars. *Moreton Bay Free Press, July 23.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/636, 07/08/1850

ARREST. - Of **MOOJOO**, aboriginal, murder of **DANIEL PAGE**; committed.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/637, 10/08/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Thursday an inquest was held at the Hunter River Hotel, East Maitland, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., Coroner, on the body of **THOMAS FITZPATRICK**, a little boy of five years old, whose body had been exhumed by order of the coroner. It appeared from the evidence that on Monday, the 29th ultimo, the little boy was engaged in minding two of his father's working bullocks, which were then in yokes, his duty being simply to keep them from going on the growing crop; his father, **WILLIAM FITZPATRICK**, was engaged at this time loading a dray with wood, some ten or fifteen rods off, and suddenly heard his son cry out, as if hurt; he ran towards him, and observed that the bullocks were near him; when he reached him, and picked him up, the little boy said, "Daddy, Star has tossed me," Star being the name of one of the two bullocks. Fitzpatrick saw that the poor boy had been wounded in the lower part of the belly, so that his intestines were protruding through, and he ran off to the nearest house, that of his neighbour, **JOHN HAYDON**, and begged him to ride off for a doctor; Mr. Haydon did so, and a medical man attended, but in vain, the poor child dying six days after it had been wounded. Mr. Haydon also heard the little boy say Star had hurt him, but did not hear him say in what manner. Fitzpatrick stated that he buried his son after his death, not being aware that it was necessary to inform the authorities, as the doctor had been attending him. The circumstance was afterwards ascertained by the policeman, **CLIFTON**, stationed at Hinton, and Mr. Parker ordered the body to be exhumed. Dr. **WILTON** examined the body, and found the wound in the lower part of the bowels quite sufficient to account for death; it appeared to be caused by a blunt instrument, such as a cow's horn or a stick. It appeared that the little boy had been in the habit of minding the bullocks, which were old and quiet, for three months. The jury returned a verdict of died from injury received from a bullock.

DEATHS.

Yesterday morning, the body of a Mrs. **JEROME**, and that of her daughter, a child of about three years of age, were found in the waters of Darling Harbour. Between four and five o'clock yesterday afternoon, **OLIVER DWYER**, formerly a publican, and lately resident in Pitt-street, Redfern, was wheeling a barrow of wood, when he was observed to stop, and lean against a gate; the gate fell, Dwyer with it, and never moved more. No inquests were held yesterday in consequence of the indisposition of Mr. **BRENAN**, by which he was prevented from leaving home. *Herald, Aug. 3.*

FATAL ACCIDENT. - A shepherd in the employment of Mr. **AUSTIN**, at Killonbutta, named **MICHAEL [PATRICK?] CAHILL**, was killed by the fall of a tree on Saturday last. It appears that he and another individual were employed in felling a tree with a cross-cut saw, when it happened to come down sooner than expected; the unfortunate man was struck by the butt before he could get away, and killed upon the spot. An inquest was held on his remains, and a verdict of accidental

death returned. The deceased has left a wife and four children to deplore his loss.
Bathurst Free Press, Aug. 3

MAITLAND MERCURY, 14/08/1850

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE. - On Wednesday last an inquest was held at Gray's, the Light House Hotel, Sussex-street, on view of the bodies of **JULIA JEROMES**, and **WILLIAM** her son, aged respectively thirty-seven and three years. It appeared from the evidence that Mrs. Jeromes was the wife of **WILLIAM JEROMES**, a waterman, and had on the 8th June last been confined, since which she had been ailing, but her husband was so much from home that he had not observed whether her mind was affected; on the night of Saturday last a neighbour saw her going towards the wharf, and questioned her as to where she was going, and finding that Mrs. Jeromes appeared wandering in her mind, and talked strangely, she took her home, and kept her there till Jeromes came home. On Monday night, about eleven o'clock, a little girl was in Mrs. Jeromes's house, assisting to mind the house, when Mrs. Jeromes gave her some bread and butter, and said she would go and sit a while with the girl's mother, taking her son with her. Subsequently, Jeromes came home, and found his wife still away, and not finding her at the girl's mother's house, he searched about, and at length found her dead body floating near the wharf, and on getting to it he found his son's dead body also floating by her. The jury returned a verdict that deceased put a period to her own and her son's life while in a state of temporary insanity. *Abridged from Herald, August 9.*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Saturday, and by adjournment on Thursday, on the body of **MARIA ASPINALL**, a married woman about forty years of age, who died in childbed. After hearing the evidence of six medical gentlemen, the details of which we cannot publish, the jury returned a verdict of died in labour from natural causes. *Herald, Aug. 10*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/639, 17/08/1850

SYDNEY NEWS.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - On Tuesday afternoon last, **JOSEPH SHAW**, boatswain of the *Santipore*, lying at Town's Wharf, fell from under the main top, and died within three hours afterwards from the injuries he received. At an inquest held on the body a verdict of accidental death was returned.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON BOARD THE STEAMER "NATIVE". - Yesterday, at twelve o'clock, when this steamer was about to start for Parramatta, a dreadful explosion took place, caused by the bursting of the flues of the boiler, by which one man was killed, and two others seriously injured. The unfortunate man were sent to the Infirmary immediately, but the engineer, **THOMAS HEFFERAN**, died soon after. The other men, whose names were **COX** and **BROWNE**, we believe belong to Parramatta, and were going home. This is the third accident of the kind that has happened on board the *Native*. The *Comet* is the boat that usually starts at twelve o'clock, but she had been hired for the day, and the *Native* had to start in her place. We understand that late in the evening Mr. **JOHN COX** died. *August*

Yesterday an inquest was commenced on the bodies of **THOMAS HEFFERAN** and Mr. **JOHN COX**. Hefferan, the engineer, was an old man, who had been nearly all his lifetime connected with steamers; he arrived in the colony twenty years since, in the *Sophia Jane*, the first steamer that ran in the colony. Mr. Cox was the son-in-law of the late Mr. **MOBBS**, to whose property he had recently succeeded. Evidence was taken of the mode in which the accident was observed by the parties immediately

near at the time, including Mrs. Cox, over whom some water was cast by the explosion, but who was not injured. Dr. **M'EWAN** certified that both the deceased had died from the fearful scalding and scorching, and that Mr. Cox lived in great agony till five o'clock in the afternoon. The inquest was then adjourned till Saturday, to allow of an examination of the steamer and machinery by competent persons, to determine whether neglect was chargeable against any persons. *Abridged from the Herald, Aug. 15*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/640, 21/08/1850

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - On Saturday se'night, Mrs. **ELIZA RYAN**, residing in George-street, in descending a flight of stairs, fell over the banister rail, in depth of from fourteen to sixteen feet, and seriously injured the spinal column. On the following Tuesday she was removed to the Sydney Infirmary, where she was placed under the care of Dr. **M'EWAN**; instead of recovering, however, she lingered until last Saturday morning, when she expired. An inquest was held at Mr. Driver's, the Three Tuns Tavern, in the afternoon. Dr. M'Ewan deposed that death had resulted from injury to the spine; and that from the period of the admission of the deceased into the Infirmary, the case was considered hopeless. The jury found a verdict of died from injury accidentally received. Deceased was a married woman, about 26 years of age, and has left one child. *Herald, Aug. 19*

THE FATAL STEAM BOILER EXPLOSION. - The inquest on the bodies of Mr. **COX**, **HEFFERAN**, and **BROWNE**, who had died from injuries received from the explosion of the boiler of the steamboat *Native*, was resumed on Saturday, when evidence at some length was taken. The coroner had summed up, and the jury had retired when Mr. **STRUTH**, the maker of the boiler, requested that the inquest might be adjourned to allow him to call further evidence as to the usual course in manufacturing boilers. The jury also thought this desirable. The inquest was then adjourned till Friday next, at noon. *Abridged from the Herald, Aug. 19*

AWFULLY SUDDEN DEATH FROM BURNING. - Mr. **C.B. LYONS**, coroner for the district, was sent for to Kissing Point, on Thursday last, to hold an inquest on an old man who there was reason to believe had destroyed himself by fire, rather than leave his miserable abode for the infirmary. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased [**JOSEPH RILEY??**], an old man above eighty years, had been long principally supported by Mrs. **DARVALL**, and had repeatedly declined to leave his hut, and go to the Infirmary; a ticket had been got for his admission therein, and Mrs. D. had told the old man that he must go; he was unable to walk without help, and passed most of his time lying in bed smoking; he used to sleep at nights with a lighted candle near his bed, and used to say, when told that this was dangerous, that he always kept a watch on it, not being able to sleep well. On Tuesday evening a neighbour visited him about seven o'clock, and found him as usual, but about half an hour after the neighbour was alarmed by a strange noise, and on opening his door saw that the old man's hut was on fire. He ran thither, and got the old man out, but he was so much burnt that he never spoke more, and died shortly after. A verdict was returned in accordance with the evidence. *Abridged from the Herald's Parramatta Correspondent.*

THE STEAMER ACCIDENT. - We regret to learn, that **BROWNE**, one of the sufferers by the explosion of the boiler on board the *Native*, expired yesterday morning. *Herald, Aug. 16*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/642, 28/08/1850

ALLEGED BREACH OF THE LICENSING ACT.

Inquest being held by Mr. JS Parker, on 8th July, Woolpack Inn, Black Creek, but due to noise went elsewhere. Egan warned by bench.

BATHURST CIRCUIT COURT.

This Court was opened on Monday, the 19th instant, before the Chief Justice.

JOHN M'PHERSON was indicted for the manslaughter of ----- **HAGGERTY**, on Good Friday last. M'Pherson, Haggerty, and another man, had been drinking together, when Haggerty wanted to fight M'Pherson, and notwithstanding M'Pherson's repeated refusals to fight, and his pushing Haggerty from him, Haggerty persisted until a scuffle took place, in which Haggerty was either thrown or fell, and his head came in contact with a chopping block; he arose again, but staggered and fell, and almost immediately expired. A high character was given to M'Pherson as a quiet and peaceable man. The jury found a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy; remanded for sentence.

MATTHEW KEOGH was indicted for the manslaughter of **REUBEN HOADLEY**. On the 28th March the prisoner and the boy Hoadley were left together in a blacksmith's shop in Carcoar, and shortly after the prisoner ran into a public-house, where the blacksmith was, saying he had shot the boy, but it was by accident; his account being that he had taken down a gun which was hanging up, and in doing so the gun went off, and shot the boy. There was no other witness to the transaction. Guilty, twelve months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Wednesday last an inquest was held at Green's, the Wellington Inn, Parramatta-street, on view of the body of one **WILLIAM LEWIS**, lately employed by Mr. **RILEY** as a carter. Deceased had been accustomed to drink large quantities of colonial ale, and had lately been complaining of ill-health, but did not take any medicine or medical advice, probably himself, as well as those who were acquainted with him, attributing his illness to the effect of drink. On Wednesday morning he was found dead in bed. The jury returned the following verdict - "Died from pre-existing disease, accelerated by habits of intoxication, more particularly the use of colonial ale." *Herald, Aug. 23*

THE LATE STEAM EXPLOSION. - The adjourned inquest on the bodies of **HEFFERAN, COX, and BROWN**, who were killed by the explosion of the boiler of the *Native*, steamer, was resumed yesterday. Mr. **P.A. TOMPSON**, who appeared on behalf of Mr. **STRUTH**, the manufacturer, called three witnesses out of sixteen he stated he was prepared to call; these three witnesses were Mr. **TAYLOR**, Mr. **P.N. RUSSELL**, and Mr. **GEORGE FYFE**. These witnesses were closely examined as to the state in which the boiler appeared to be after the explosion, and as to the sufficiency or not of the precautions that had been taken to strengthen it against accidents. Mr. Taylor was also examined as to the past history of the *Native* and her boilers. The jury then expressed a wish to retire for a few minutes before any further evidence was called, and the coroner having summed up this new evidence and repeated his summary of the law on such matters, the jury retired for about an hour, and then returned a special verdict, that the deceased, Hefferan, Cox, and Brown, came to their deaths by the accidental explosion of the boiler of the steamer *Native*; and they were of opinion that the injury to the boiler was gradual, and that had it been properly inspected and due care used the injuries would have been discovered in time to prevent the accident. The jury also requested the coroner to express to the government their opinion that some measure for the periodical inspection and supervision of all steam vessels by a competent surveyor is absolutely necessary, and that no steam vessel should be allowed to carry passengers until duly licensed. The

coroner expressed his entire concurrence in the verdict, and would lose no time in bringing the opinion of the jury under the notice of the government. *Abridged from the Herald, 24th August.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/643, 31/08/1850

SINGLETON

FATAL ACCIDENT. - A coroner's inquest was held on Tuesday last, the 27th instant, at the Rose Inn, before **HENRY GLENNIE**, Esq., coroner for the district of Patrick's Plains, and a jury of twelve, to enquire into the death of **JAMES NEWBERRY**, aged 28, an exile per *Adelaide*, in the employment of **HENRY DANGAR**, Esq., M.C. The jury, after being sworn, proceeded to view the body, which exhibited but very slight external marks of injury. There appeared a slight bruise on the right side of the forehead, and the right eye was rather tumefied, but no other visible injuries. From the evidence of Mr. Dangar it appeared that the deceased and another exile, named Wym, were despatched on Monday last, in charge of a horse and cart, to proceed to the Moon boy, to join the station there, near Tamworth; Wym had charge of the horse and cart; deceased was to accompany him, and to attend to Wym's orders; upon starting witness gave deceased half a crown; about three hours after they had started, witness received a note from Mr. **HORNE**, the chief constable, intimating that one of the men had fallen out of the cart, was seriously hurt, and the other man was very drunk; up to this period witness had always found the men to be remarkable sober; deceased had been about nine months in the service of the witness, and Wym upwards of a year; the horse was a young horse, but tractable and quiet, so that any sober man could have managed him. **MARY STRETCH** deposed that she lived at Darlington; she was in company with another woman from Glennie's Creek on Friday last, in the forenoon, when she saw a horse and cart come galloping past the house; there were two men in the cart, and one of them was driving; the deceased is the man that was thrown out of the cart; and witness saw him laying down in the road, insensible, and bleeding from the ears; the other man at last stopped the horse, and came back to where deceased lay; he did not appear to be sober that was driving the cart; could not distinguish as they went by whether they were sober or not. **THOMAS COOK**, of Darlington, deposed that on Friday last a person came to him, and stated that a man had fallen out of a cart on the main road; witness had previously seen a horse and cart galloping along the road across the river, but could only distinguish one man, who was driving; the horse was going very fast - one man appeared to be standing up; could not distinguish which man it was; shortly afterwards a man came and gave notice of the accident; when witness went up the man who drove the cart was with deceased, and holding the horse; he did not appear to be sober, although he pushed on the horse and rode in for a doctor. The coroner, in summing up, told the jury that he himself had attended the deceased, who was insensible from the time the accident happened up to Monday night, when he expired; his opinion was that deceased had ruptured a blood vessel in the brain, which had caused a compression - the blood-vessels being previously distended from the effects of the drink. Wym, who had charge of the cart, was very drunk when he saw him, and he considered him much to blame for getting drunk while in charge of a horse and cart. The jury retired for about five minutes, and returned with a verdict of accidental death by a fall from a cart.

DEATH

OF Sgt. **JAMES SANDY**, Mounted Police, page 3.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

This Court opened on Monday, the 26th August, before Mr. Justice Therry.

JOHN GLOVER was indicted for the manslaughter of **ANN KENT**, at Sydney, on the 2nd May. Glover and the unfortunate woman had been in the habit of living together when Glover was on shore; Kent was much addicted to drink, and it was proved that she had fallen down stairs and had other severe falls, and it was also proved that Glover had brutally beaten and kicked her while drunk; but went out several times; she got worse, and was taken to the Benevolent Asylum, where it was found that she had several contused wounds on the body; she died in the asylum, and a post mortem examination showed congestion of the membranes of the brain; the opinion of Dr. **RUSSELL** was that death had been caused by the combined effects of intemperance and ill-usage; the opinion of Dr. **TIERNEY** was that death had been caused by the effects of external violence, but those effects might flow from the beatings described, or the falls described. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of common assault, and the prisoner was remanded for sentence. *Abridged from the S.M. Herald.*

BATHURST CIRCUIT COURT

Before the Chief Justice

WILLIAM GLEESON was indicted for the wilful murder of **THOMAS TRACEY**, at Mudgee, on the 30th June. Gleeson, Tracey, and a man named **BROOKES** had been drinking together, and adjourned to Brookes's hut with a bottle of rum; Gleeson became quarrelsome and wanted to fight Tracey; they went outside and fought, and Tracey retired into the hut and went to bed; Gleeson, in about ten minutes afterwards, knocked at the door, and challenged Tracey out to fight again; Tracey jumped up, went to the door, and opened it, and instantly afterwards cried out "Oh, Gleeson, you villain, you have stabbed me also;" this latter exclamation was heard by a person residing nearby, but there was no direct evidence as to who inflicted the wounds. The prisoner, who protested his innocence at first, and afterwards said that he was so much under the influence of liquor that he did not know what he did, was found guilty, and sentenced to death.

Thursday, August 22nd.

JOHN M'PHERSON, who was convicted on Monday of manslaughter, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. [should be two months; see 8/644]

ANN MALCOLM was indicted for infanticide, and was found guilty of concealing the birth; she was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, the first week in each of the first four months in solitary confinement.

Friday, August 23rd

EDWARD FINNERTY, previously convicted of manslaughter, was sentenced to five years on the roads. *Abridged from the S.H. Herald*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/644, 04/0/1850

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Gaol Delivery

JOHN GLOVER, found guilty of assault, was sentenced to two years' hard labour in Sydney gaol.

BATHURST CIRCUIT COURT. - ERRATUM. - In our report, in Saturday's *Mercury*, of the proceedings in the Bathurst Circuit Court on Thursday, August 22nd, we stated that **JOHN M'PHERSON**, convicted of manslaughter, had been sentenced to "two years" imprisonment in Bathurst gaol; it should have read "two months" imprisonment.

INQUEST. - On Saturday, the 24th August, an inquest was held at Mr. John M'Quade's, Commercial Hotel, on Saturday last, before Dr. **DOWE**, Coroner, on the body of **JOHN CARRINGTON**. It appeared from the evidence given by several persons examined, that Carrington was an old and faithful servant of Mr. **PRIMROSE**, of this town; that on Friday he had taken the water cart to the river, near the Punt, for the purpose of procuring water, and it is supposed that unfortunately his foot slipped and the poor man was precipitated in the water. Mr. **PLUNKET**, who has charge of the punt, observed a hat floating on the water, by which his suspicions were aroused, and he immediately despatched a messenger for the grappling irons. The police, as well as others that were present, tried every endeavour to find the body, which was at last dragged up, after having been certainly more than an hour and a half in the water. The jury, without retiring, returned the following verdict: found drowned. *Windsor Telegraph, Aug. 31*

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE.

ELIZABETH WADE, 18, at Stradbroke Island Quarantine Station, with sister and parents, both ill. Ran into sea. *Moreton Bay Free Press, Aug. 27*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/645, 07/09/1850

SYDNEY NEWS

DEATH FROM SKINNING A BULLOCK. - An inquest was held at the Parramatta district hospital, on Saturday last, on view of the body of **WILLIAM JONES [JOHNS]**, aged fifty years. It appeared that the deceased was brought to the hospital on 29th August, by Mr. **JOHN FULLIGAR**; deceased himself stated that he had given way to habits of intemperance. On Monday last, whilst skinning a bullock which had died suddenly, he accidentally gave himself a slight cut in the thigh, four inches from the groin; the thigh and leg shortly afterwards swelled to an enormous extent. The deceased was first attended by Dr. **RUTTER**, who ordered him to poultice the wound, and also gave him some pills. Dr. **ROBERTSON** found a superficial abrasion in the situation of the cut; the thigh and leg were prodigiously swollen; tense, free from pitting and pain; deceased died at three o'clock on Friday afternoon; Dr. Robertson attributes his death to the injury received at the time of skinning the bullock, and specific poison. The jury returned a verdict that William Jones met his death accidentally, from a wound received while skinning a bullock which had died suddenly. *Parramatta Correspondent of the Herald.*

MANSLAUGHTER

THOMAS RAFFERTY, wilful murder of **THOMAS MULDOON**, at Stoney Creek, 22nd May 1845. Guilty of manslaughter; remanded.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Tuesday morning an inquest was held before Mr. **PARKER**, coroner, on the body of **GARRETT CONNOR**. It appeared from the evidence that on Sunday afternoon Connor, who had that morning ridden from East Maitland to Old Banks, Paterson River, was returning on horse back, accompanied by a lad named **DANIEL SHANNON**; the two lads commenced racing along the road, Connor being mounted on a spirited mare, which ran at Paterson races; Shannon got ahead, and was galloping along when he heard a cry of "stop," and looking round saw that Connor's horse had fallen off, and that his mare had turned off the road, and was galloping off into the bush, Connor being apparently unable to control her; Shannon immediately rode after Connor, but before he could get up with him he heard the sound as of a heavy blow and then a fall and a groan, and in a moment or two afterwards he came up to Connor lying on the ground on his back near a large crooked tree, which must have come in contact with Connor's head, and he was thrown off;

Shannon immediately dismounted, and found Connor breathing heavily, and unable to speak; Shannon tried to arouse him, but failing he galloped home for assistance, and Connor was removed to the house of Shannon's father, and Dr. **BROWN** sent for. Connor had, however, been fatally injured, and died on Tuesday morning, at an early hour. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, absolving the lad Shannon from all blame.

MURDER OF AN INFANT BY ITS MOTHER. - Yesterday morning an inquest was held on the body of an infant [**PATRICK DOHERTY**], aged four months, the child of a woman named **ELLEN QUIN**. It appeared from the evidence that Quin had always behaved in a very cruel and unnatural way to her infant, frequently slapping and beating him, stuffing dry bread into his mouth when he cried, and pouring ale and even rum down his throat to make him sleep; she had been repeatedly heard to say that she did not like the child; on Saturday night last the child cried, when she gave him a blow on the face with her shut hand, after which it was seldom heard to cry; on Sunday evening **CATHERINE LOVELL** pointed out to her the starving and emaciated appearance of the baby, when Quin said it would not take her breast; Mrs. Lovell then gave the infant her own breast, which he took eagerly. On Monday evening Quin was at the theatre till midnight, and on coming out she rushed into a crowd, where a soldier named **ROSS** was fighting, and she and another woman got Ross out of the crowd, and that woman left Quin and Ross together afterwards near to St. James's Church; during all this time Quin had her baby with her; at a late hour, about half-past three o'clock, Quin passed a watchman, who asked her what she had in her arms, when she said it was her baby, and exposing it, asked the watchman if it was dead, he said it was, and she went on, but he sent the police after her, and she was apprehended; she then said that when she reached Ross in the crowd, a blow that Ross meant for one of the police struck the baby. The post-mortem examination by Doctors **TIERNEY** and **CARTWRIGHT** showed that there were bruises on the face of the infant, as if occasioned by a fall, or by being thrown to the ground; that there was a bruise on the left side of the face; that the brain was congested, and the ventricles of the heart filled with black fluid blood; the body of the infant was much attenuated. The attenuation would arise from want of proper food, or use of improper diet, or of fermented liquor, and the use of rum as described would explain the black blood found in the ventricles of the heart; the cause of death the medical men believed was concussion of the brain or convulsions – a fall from the arms of his parent would be sufficient to produce the former, and the administration of indigestible nor improper food would conduce to the latter. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Ellen Quin, and Ross was discharged. *Abridged from the Herald, Sept. 5*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/646, 11/09/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Thursday, an inquest was held at the Railway Inn, Chippendale, on the body of **ROSALIE MARTINCE [MARTINUS]**, an infant about 15 months old, who had seized hold of a teapot in which was some boiling water, a portion of which she poured into her mouth. The child was instantly conveyed to Mr. Surgeon **CUTHILL**. Mr. Cuthill deposed that the infant was suffering from bronchitis and inflammation of the mucous membranes of the throat and mouth; he considered the case a hopeless one the moment he saw it, and the child died on Wednesday evening; the inhalation of the steam alone would have been sufficient to produce the inflammation and consequent death. Verdict, died from injuries accidentally received.

INQUESTS.

Yesterday, an inquest was held at the Neptune Inn, Prince-street, on view of the body of **JOHN ARMSTRONG**, who on the previous afternoon was standing in and driving a horse and cart; the horse appears to have taken fright at something, and started off at a full gallop along Prince-street, where the deceased was thrown out, falling on his head with great violence to the ground; he never spoke more, and died in a few minutes. Immediately he was conveyed to Mr. Surgeon **HARPER'S**, in Cumberland-street, who on examination found that three of deceased's right ribs were broken, and an injury in the chest about the size of a horse's hoof, where probably he had received a kick. Verdict, died from injuries accidentally received.

An inquest was also held yesterday at the Three Tuns Tavern, King-street, on the body of **TIMOTHY HILL**, then lying dead in the Sydney Infirmary. Deceased was in the employ of Mr. **PEISLEY**, at the boiling down establishment at Camperdown. From a statement made by the deceased prior to his admission to the infirmary, it appeared that on Tuesday, after putting some fuel on the fires, he sat down near them to smoke his pipe, and shortly afterwards found his clothes to be on fire, and was severely burnt on both arms, as well as both the front and back of the body. Mr. Surgeon **NATHAN** attended him at the infirmary, and prescribed the usual remedies, but from the first considered it a hopeless case. He died on Thursday morning. Verdict, died from the effects of burns accidentally received. *Herald, Sept. 4*

MAITLAND CIRCUIT COURT

(Before his Honor the Chief Justice)

Saturday, September 7, 1850

ACCESSORY TO MANSLAUGHTER

JANE MULDOON, guilty; 2 years' imprisonment Parramatta gaol, with hard labour.
THOMAS RAFFERTY, manslaughter of **THOMAS MULDOON**, 5 years hard labour on the roads or public works.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/648, 18/09/1850

FATAL DELUSION. - On Monday an inquest was held, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., at the Waterloo Inn, West Maitland, on the body of **WILLIAM LAMBERT**. It appeared from the evidence of **JAMES GOULD** and **GEORGE POULTON**, that the deceased, who was a member of a sect calling themselves "Israelites," we believe, and who are commonly known as "Beardies," from the custom of the men allowing their beards to grow, had been for some weeks past labouring under a severe cold, which had settled on his lungs; Lambert's wife and mother attended on him with great care, but neither they nor Lambert himself would consent to call in medical advice, although both witnesses urged them to do so; Lambert himself said that he would not, that he would trust in Providence; and Lambert's mother said that her faith was in God, and not in doctors, and that her son would never die; at length Lambert became so very ill that Gould, on Sunday, the 8th September, after urging him for some time to call in medical advice, obtained his consent to his doing so, although his mother still urged him to trust in God; Gould immediately went for Dr. **SCOTT**. Dr. Scott deposed that he found Lambert labouring under inflammation of the air passages and of the substance of the lungs; that he considered the case one of great danger, too much time having been allowed to elapse without calling in medical aid; the result justified his opinion, Lambert growing rapidly worse; Dr. **LIDDELL** was called in by Dr. Scott's wish, and both the medical men on Saturday last told the relatives that no more could be done for Lambert, except to give him ease; on Sunday afternoon Lambert died. Dr. Scott was clearly of opinion that Lambert's death would in all

probability have yielded to medical treatment, had it been taken in time. The jury returned a verdict of died from natural causes.

DEATH AT SEA

We regret to record the death of Mr. **ROBERTSON**, master of the *Gypsy*, schooner, trading to Moreton Bay. The vessel left this on Monday week, with a strong southerly wind, and at eleven o'clock on the same night, Mr. Robertson being at the tiller, one of the ropes gave way, throwing him overboard, where he met with a watery grave.

MYSTERIOUS.

The dead body of an infant, wrapped up in a piece of cloth, and packed in a cigar box, was discovered yesterday afternoon in the Old Burial ground. Information having been given to the police, the remains were removed, and a strict investigation forthwith commenced. *Bell's Life, Sept. 14*

A MAN FOUND DROWNED. - On Thursday last an inquest was held at Mummell, before **ROBERT WAUGH**, Esq., coroner for the district, on view of the body of a male unknown, which had been found floating in the Wollondilly River. The face was much swollen and discoloured. According to the evidence of Dr. **GERARD**, there were no marks of violence about the deceased; the body presented the appearance of that of a person who had been drowned. The whole of the front teeth of the upper jaw were absent except two; the set in the lower jaw were entire. The jury returned a verdict of found drowned. There were no papers found about the person of deceased. In his pocket there was a Roman Catholic Prayer Book. He was apparently fifty years of age and dressed in a blue pilot coat and two pair of corduroy trousers. The body has been viewed by a great number of persons, but they have all failed in identifying it. It is supposed that deceased was accidentally drowned during the heavy flood in the river about six weeks since. *Goulburn Herald, Sept. 14*

FOUR WHITE MEN MURDERED BY BLACKS

BURNET RIVER & WIDE BAY

MR. BLAXLAND

SHEPHERD OF BLAXLAND

SHEPHERD OF CORFIELD

SHEPHERD OF MURRAY

To be completed

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/649, 21/09/1850

INQUEST ON A DECEASED LUNATIC. - On Saturday last an inquest was held at the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, before Mr. **C.B. LYONS**, coroner for the district, on view of the body of **PETER BERCHER**, a lunatic. From the evidence of Dr. **CAMPBELL**, surgeon superintendent of the establishment, it appeared that the deceased had been ill for the last month, that he would not take the food or nutriment suitable for a person in his circumstances; food was consequently administered by means of the stomach pump, after which he died. A *post mortem* examination was made, when it was found that one of the large blood vessels of the brain was ruptured; the liver of an immense size, and perfectly gorged with blood; the brain and intestines exhibited a dreadful state of disease. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased Peter Bercher came to his death by a rupture of one of the larger blood vessels of the brain, and the jury were of opinion that no human skill could have saved the life of the deceased. *Parramatta Correspondent of the Herald.*

MRS. BURNS.

We regret to have to announce that the unfortunate Mrs. Burns, who was on last Friday week stabbed in the neck and breast by the ruffian **WHELAN**, expired

yesterday morning, from the effects of the injuries inflicted on her. An inquest will be held on the body today. *Herald, Sept. 18*

DEATH BY DROWNING. - The body of a man named **JAMES LYONS**, watchman on board the *Cape Horn*, was on Tuesday morning found dead in the water between that vessel, lying at the Flour Company's Wharf, and the shore. The last time he was seen alive was about three o'clock of that morning, when he was somewhat under the influence of liquor, having had leave ashore for the previous day. An inquest was held yesterday on the body, but no evidence could be produced as to the manner in which he came by his death, and the jury returned a verdict of found drowned. *Herald, Sept. 19*

THE LATE MRS. BURNS. - A coroner's inquest was yesterday held at the Blue Bell, Erskine-street, on view of the body of **CATHERINE BURNES**, whose death was notified in yesterday's *Herald*. The circumstances which led to her death were detailed by one of the witnesses as follows: **JANE BRADY**, of Maitland, deposed that on last Friday week she was stopping at deceased's house; about two o'clock in the afternoon witness was sitting in the yard near the back door, when she heard the prisoner, **JAMES WHELAN**, come in at the front door, and Mrs. Burnes tell him to go out; "She then called me in, and just as I got inside the door I saw the prisoner striking Mrs. Burnes, but thought it was with his fist; after he struck the deceased two or three times she fell, and I then saw a knife in his hand, which I took from him; the knife produced is it; when she fell I saw blood running from her head behind her ear; she did not scream; having secured the knife I ran out for assistance, and on my return he was standing by the door, the deceased holding him by the hands; he did not endeavour to get away from her; Mr. **ANDERSON** ran for a constable; the prisoner brought the knife with him; he held it with the handle towards his thumb, and struck downwards." Mrs. **HARTLEY** deposed, that hearing Mrs. Burnes had been stabbed, she went there; prisoner was there, and admitted he had done so; "I asked him what had made him stab the woman, when he replied, that he was bent on it, and having done so was satisfied; and when the constable was taking him away in custody he said he hoped she would die." The unfortunate deceased was attended first by Dr. **DUIGAN** and Mr. **RUTTER**, and subsequently by Messrs. **RUTTER, CARTWRIGHT and AARON**, until the period of her death, on Tuesday morning. Messrs. Rutter and Cartwright made a *post mortem* examination of the deceased. There were three puncture wounds, two on the neck and one on the breast; one of the wounds on the neck was that which led to the fatal result, penetrating the cavity of the skull, inducing inflammation and abscess of the brain. The jury found a verdict of wilful murder against James Whelan, who was thereon committed by the Coroner to take his trial for that offence. The deceased was fifty years of age, and her son, upwards of twenty years of age, was residing with her. Her husband is at California. *Herald, Sept. 19*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/650, 25/09/1850

SELF DESTRUCTION. - An inquest was on Saturday held at Gray's, Light house Hotel, Bathurst, on the body of a man named **AARON ZADOCK**, who had that morning put a period to his existence by suspending himself by a rope round his neck over the staircase of his own residence. From the evidence it appeared that deceased had not long returned to the colony from California, and since his arrival had abandoned himself to excessive drinking, which produced the natural result of occasional aberrations of intellect. On Saturday morning, his wife had occasion to go out, and with a view to prevent her husband from obtaining liquor in her absence,

locked him in the house. On her return, her horror may be more easily conceived than described at the shocking discovery of her husband suspended by the neck over the staircase, and quite dead. The jury found that Aaron Zadock destroyed himself by hanging, while labouring under temporary insanity. *Herald, Sept. 23.*

ACCIDENT; Constable Terence M'Guire, Singleton, last Saturday; precarious state.

BULL: Heneage Finch, Hoxton Park, Liverpool, 19/9??

The two above to be completed.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/651, 28/09/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - An inquest was held this day, Friday, 27th September, at the Freugh Arms, New Freugh, before **HENRY GLENNIE**, Esq., coroner, on the body of **TERENCE M'GUIRE**, a constable of the Singleton police, the accident to whom has already been reported in the *Mercury*. From the evidence it appeared that M'Guire was at the inn on the evening of the 26th instant, about an hour before sundown, and at Mr. **RAMSAY'S** request, rode after a stray horse that had passed along the road; Mr. Ramsay noticed that M'Guire's mare appeared to have bolted with him as he rose to the top of the hill, and Mr. Ramsay rode after him, and just over the top of the hill found that poor M'Guire had been thrown and was lying on the road, with one arm broken, and several ribs. M'Guire was carried to the inn, and was there attended by Dr. **GLENNIE**, who found that M'Guire must have received severe internal injuries, as well as the injuries mentioned above. Mortification of the arm set in on Tuesday, and on Thursday M'Guire died. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased was killed by a fall from his mare.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/652, 02/10/1850

MORETON BAY COURIER = SHEPHERDS AND BLACKS; NO NAMES.

CORFIELD, MURRAY, UHR, YOUNG, JEFFRIES.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/654, 09/10/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Sunday last an inquest was held at the Golden Lion, Lochinvar, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., Coroner, on the body of **WILLIAM BARTLEY**. It appeared from the evidence that Mr. Bartley, a publican, residing at Lochinvar, had on Sunday morning, the 22nd September, been in Maitland attended a place of worship, and called at the White Swan on his way home for a nobbler of brandy; this Mr. Early gave him, but Mr. Bartley drank only half of it, saying "I have had enough;" Mr. Early said "I think so too;" on this Mr. Bartley abused Mr. Early, and Mr. E. went in doors, thinking he would leave; almost immediately afterwards Mr. Bartley started off at full speed, being mounted on a spirited horse; Mr. Early was alarmed for his safety, Mr. B. being apparently unable to manage the horse, and he followed along the road, and on reaching the hut of a person named **LICET**, he found that Mr. Bartley had been thrown from his horse, and was lying on a sofa in Licet's house; Mr. Early now observed that Mr. Bartley was still more labouring under the effects of drink than when he had called at his house, and Mr. E. told that he would take Mr. Bartley's horse back to his stable, and when Mr. Bartley got sober he could send for the horse; in about two hours afterwards Mr. Bartley came to Mr. Early's for the horse, and had a little rum and water; he then left the house and Mr. Early heard no more of him until he heard of his having a second fall. Licet was unable to give evidence, having received some time since an injury in the head. Mrs. Bartley had become alarmed for her husband's safety, and in the evening sent a man named **BENJAMIN PEMBERTON** to look for him; Pemberton was passed by a man riding

at full speed, but did not recognise it to be Mr. Bartley, it being dark; Pemberton called at Mr. Early's, and afterwards on his way back at Licet's, and learnt what had passed, and about half a mile from Licet's, towards Lochinvar, Pemberton found Mr. Bartley lying in the road, quite insensible; having in vain endeavoured to rouse him Pemberton obtained a horse and cart and took Mr. Bartley home, meeting constable **DWYER** on the way, he having been alarmed at seeing Mr. Bartley's horse galloping homewards without a rider. Dr. **M'CARTHY** was called in, and attended on Mr. Bartley, who was labouring under the effect of concussion of the brain, and Mr. Bartley died on Saturday last from effusion of blood or serum on the brain; Dr. M'Carthy thought falls from a horse likely to cause death in this way. After Mr. Bartley had become sensible it appears that he stated he did not know he was injured. The jury returned a verdict of died from injuries received by a fall or falls from his horse.

SYDNEY NEWS

The Central Criminal Court opened this morning. The charge of murder against the aboriginal "**MAGO**," which has been postponed for one or two sessions for want of witnesses, was not concluded when I left court.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A woman named **MOWATT**, on Friday night, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, attempted to destroy herself by leaping into the water from the Circular Quay. Fortunately for her, she was seen by a workman named **BATTERS**, who immediately proceeded to the spot, rescued the miserable woman from a watery grave, and handed her over to the care of a policeman. She was on Saturday brought before the police bench, and discharged with an admonition. *Herald, Oct. 7*

DEATH AT SEA.

A man named **NICHOLAS WILLIAMS**, a steerage passenger by the *J. Merithew*, died at sea on the 10th September, from dysentery. [From San Francisco]

DEATH FROM THE FALLING OF A TREE. - An inquest was held at Prospect, on the 1st instant, before Mr. **C.B. LYONS**, Esq., coroner for the district, on view of the body of Mr. **THOMAS DAVIS**, an old and respected resident in the district. **WILLIAM ADAMS**, having been sworn, stated: I am the pound keeper of the district; I reside a mile and a half from this farm, which I rent; Thomas Davis, who now lies dead, was in charge of it, and residing in this house; he was seventy-five years old; I came over occasionally at intervals of several days; I happened to come yesterday afternoon, about four o'clock; the deceased was galling a stringy-bark tree in a paddock close to the house, which I am clearing; I had been talking to him; I and a man named **JOSEPH PORTLEY** were taking a sheet of bark from a tree about four rods from the tree which the deceased was falling; a dead tree fell into the tree which Davis was cutting, which caused it to fall; he ran; I hallooed to him; he cleared the tree within four feet when it caught him; I saw him fall, and ran and picked him up; he was quite dead; a bough had hit him on the top of the head; the dead tree was on fire, and had burnt through. Joseph Portley corroborated this statement. A verdict was returned that the deceased, Thomas Davis, died from accidental falling of a tree. *Herald, Oct. 5*

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT. - A few days since a man named **SAMPSON**, residing at the M'Leay River, was proceeding to Camden Haven with a raft of timber, on which were his wife and two children, he unfortunately approached too near the bar, the raft upset, and his wife and children were drowned. Sampson was rescued. *Herald, Oct. 4*

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS

DUNGOG

An inquest was held at Clarence Town on Tuesday last, on the body of **JAMES COX**, an old resident of that part. It appears that on Sunday last deceased and another man went into the bush in search of some horse stock, and that on their way home Cox's horse shied, when the unfortunate man was thrown on his head, fracturing his skull, and being severely bruised on the body. This happened about one o'clock, at about eight miles on the Sawyers' Point road; the poor man lingered until seven o'clock on Sunday evening, when he died. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, caused by injuries received from a fall from his horse. *Oct. 12, 1850*

DEATHS

At his residence, Lochinvar, on 5th October, Mr. **WILLIAM BARTLEY**, aged 52; much regretted by a large circle of friends.

MORETON BAY – QUARANTINE STATION.

Death of Dr. **BALLOW**, the volunteer surgeon to the emigrants; also an orphan boy aged 7 died roasting potatoes at a fire during the funeral.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Monday, October 7, 1850

(Before Mr. Justice Dickinson)

MURDER. - **MOGO GAR**, an aboriginal native of the Clarence River district, was indicted for the murder of **DANIEL PAGE**, at the Bellinger River, on the 25th April last, by wounding him in the neck with a boomerang.

Page was a timber dealer residing on the Bellinger, with a woman named **O'NEIL**, and at the time of the outrage a man named **HALEY** was stopping with them; on the 25th April Mogo called and offered to take some rations to some of the neighbouring sawyers, and Page went out to convey Mogo across the river for that purpose; four other blacks joined them outside, and one of them threw a spear at Haley, who ran back to the hut, and was followed by Page, but not until the blacks had beaten Page; the blacks threw boomerangs after Haley and Page, and coming up to the hut tried to force their way in; at length, Page and Haley made a rush at them with their knives, and the blacks ran away; they soon returned again, however, and tried to force their way into the store-room, which was separated from the house by a low partition; this partition Page crossed, and was heard scuffling with the blacks, and when Page returned to his companions he had received a wound in his neck, which he said he feared was mortal; subsequently, after the rations in the hut were given up to them, the blacks left. The whites now abandoned the hut, Page, who was unable to go far, being taken across the river and concealed among the mangroves, while Haley took Mrs. O'Neil and her child to a cutter lying near the mouth of the river; some of the seamen returned with Haley and tried to remove Page to the vessel, but could not do so. Page was afterwards discovered by Mogo, and Mogo took his blankets away in spite of Page's entreaties. Page was removed afterwards back to the hut, by Mrs. O'Neil's wish, and then died. Page said at the time of the wound being inflicted that a black named **UGKY** was the man who struck the blow, but Mogo took an active part in the assault and attempt at robbery. The only one of these blacks who had been apprehended was Mogo, the prisoner.

Mr. **HOLROYD**, who had defended Mogo at the request of the court, addressed the jury.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to death.

Tuesday, October 8

(Before Mr. Justice Dickinson)

MURDER.

JAMES WHELAN was indicted for the murder of **CATHERINE BYRNES**, at Sydney, on the 6th September, by stabbing her behind the ear and the breast.

The particulars in this case have been previously reported. Mrs. **WHELAN** had left her husband, and was residing in the house of Mrs. Byrnes, in Kent-street, with whom also lived at that time a Mrs. **BRADY**; two men named **PATRICK REID** and **RICHARD BRADY** lodged in the house, their sleeping apartments being upstairs, while those of the women were below; Whelan appears to have been greatly excited by his wife's having left him, and her residing in what he believed to be an improper house, and he had once ineffectually endeavoured to induce her to leave the house; early in the afternoon of the 6th September Whelan entered Mrs. Byrnes's house, and after a brief conversation with her he stabbed her with a table knife; Mrs. Byrnes called to Mrs. Brady to come to her, and Mrs. Brady running to the spot, saw Whelan give Mrs. Byrnes three stabs, after which Mrs. Byrnes fell to the ground; Mrs. Brady then took the knife from Whelan, who made no resistance, and she ran for assistance. Mrs. Byrnes got up again, and although she was bleeding much she held Whelan till a constable came, Whelan, however, making no resistance; Whelan told the constable he was now satisfied, and he hoped she would die. Mrs. Byrnes was attended by several medical men, but died on the 16th September, the fatal wound being one behind the ear, which had penetrated to the brain, and produced inflammation; there were altogether five wounds, three on the breast and two about the head. None of the witnesses were aware of anything improper in the conduct of the three women, or in the general character of the house, but it appeared that Reid had on one occasion gone with a cloak and umbrella to bring home Mrs. Whelan from chapel.

Mr. **DARVALL** conducted the defence, at the request of the Court. He urged that the circumstances made the case one of manslaughter.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner, who begged for mercy, protesting that he had no intention to kill Mrs. Byrnes, was sentenced to death.

MANSLAUGHTER.

ELLEN QUIN was indicted for the murder of **PATRICK DOHERTY**, an infant, by neglecting to provide him with sufficient nourishment, and by giving him intoxicating drinks.

This case was fully reported in the *Mercury* at the time. The prisoner was the mother of the unfortunate infant, who was at the breast, and it was deposed that she had given him colonial ale, lumps of dry bread, and rum, to keep him quiet; that he was kept nearly destitute of clothing, and was otherwise neglected. She was apprehended late one night in the streets, having asked a night watchman whether he thought the child she was carrying was dead, as it proved to be; this was after she had left the theatre, gone into a crowd where there was a disturbance, and then walked away with a soldier. The evidence of the medical witnesses confirmed the fact that the above articles had been administered to the infant, and that he was much emaciated, although the mother had abundance of milk; the immediate cause of death was congestion of the brain, which was superinduced by the administration of improper food. In cross-examination, however, by Mr. **HOLROYD**, the medical witnesses admitted that these appearances might have been caused by convulsions arising from ordinary disease, and that it was impossible the large quantities of liquor deposed to by the previous witnesses could have been administered.

The jury acquitted the prisoner, without requiring the prisoner's counsel to enter on a defence. The prisoner was then discharged.

ACCIDENT. Seaman, named **STOUT**, fell street precipice.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - A man named **JOHN FITZSIMMONS**, an old resident of Campbell's River, met with an accident, on Saturday last, which terminated in his death on the following day. It appears he had been at Bathurst on business, and was returning homewards, in company with another person, after having partaken moderately of liquor, in town. When on the way between Gorman's Hill and the Burnt Flat, they met Mrs. **CASEY**, of the latter place, with whom they had a little conversation, after which, they were proceeding on their journey, when a puff of wind caused her gown to flap, and so scared the horse Fitzsimmons was riding, that he commenced bucking, and thus threw the unfortunate man on the ground with great violence. He was immediately removed to Mr. **NEAL'S** farm, and attended by Dr. **MACHATTIE**, who discovered that the skull was fractured. From the time of the accident to his death, he was speechless. An inquest was held at Mr. Butler's, Shepherd's Rest Inn, on Monday, when the above facts were deposed to, and a verdict of accidental death returned. *Bathurst Free Press, Oct. 5*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/656, 16/10/1850

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editors of the Maitland Mercury

SIR - In reference to a paragraph which appeared in your publication of the 18th ultimo, accusing the people called "Israelites" or "Beardies" of "fatal delusion," I beg to say that the society will not admit of such an accusation, as their doctrine (if known) teaches different to that of withholding or debarring medical aid or assistance, if required. Consequently I beg to know the reason why an inquest was held on the deceased, as having medical aid and assistance, as alluded to in the aforesaid paragraph; and why should the society be accused of that which is false, and contrary to that which their doctrine allows?

A MEMBER

Oct. 15, 1850. - PS. No delusion!

[We willingly afford "A Member" an opportunity of stating that the doctrine of the "Israelites," in reference to calling in medical aid, is more consistent with common sense than at the inquest it was reported to be. The circumstances disclosed by the evidence in the particular case needed to be justified, we think, by the holding of an inquest. - ED - M.M.]

FATAL ACCIDENT. - One day last week an accident happened near Queanbeyan which, we regret to state, proved fatal. It appears from what we have heard that two men in the employ of Mr. **R. GUISE**, of Gundaroo, had been drinking in the township, and when on their way home on a dray, of which they had the charge, the horse bolted, and the vehicle coming in contact with a tree, turned over, and fell on the poor fellows, who were killed on the spot. *Goulburn Herald, Oct. 12*

GUNNING. Accident to Mr. **H. GROSVENOR**, accident to a **BRADY**, thigh smashed, already amp.

ALBURY. - MURDER. - A most cold and deliberate murder was committed on Thursday, at the station of Mr. **WITHERS**, near the Black Dog Creek. It appears from the evidence taken before Captain **BAKER**, J.P., that the parties had been drinking together, though not to excess, on the previous evening, and that some words of an angry nature passed between them, respecting the words of a song. On the following morning the murderer, whose name is **MADDEN**, had a fight with sticks with his victim, in which the latter had the advantage. It would seem probable that the prisoner brooded over his defeat, and after an interval of two hours he went into the hut, and found a pair of shears, which he broke; he then chased the deceased, whose

name was **JOHN MORRISON**, for about three quarters of an hour, the latter endeavouring to save himself by flight; on coming up to him Madden stabbed him in the side, and then returning to the hut, exulted in what he had done. Intelligence was immediately despatched to Mr. Withers, who lost no time in going to the spot, where he found Morrison lying on the ground with his bowels protruding. The constables arrived soon after and arrested the prisoner, who was safely lodged in the Albury lockup, after having been fully committed to take his trial for wilful murder at the next Melbourne Assizes. The most revolting feature of the case is, that the prisoner had to be actually prevented by Mr. Withers and his brother-in-law from again stabbing his victim while he was writhing in agony, and this too after five hours had elapsed since he first stabbed him. After perpetrating the crime, the prisoner went to bed, and slept soundly in the same hut with the dying man. *Herald Correspondent.*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - On Thursday last an inquest was held at the house of Mr. Ryan, at Chippendale, on the body of **ELIZA THOMPSON**. The deceased, who was a widow considerably advanced in years, and lived in a house by herself, was missed from her residence by a neighbour, between nine and ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, and as after some time she did not return, and the back door having been left open, several persons residing in the vicinity instituted a search, and after some time found her in a place from which she was in the habit of fetching water; she was quite dead. Verdict, accidental drowning. *Herald, Oct. 11*

SUICIDE. - The *Windsor Telegraph* reports the proceedings on an inquest held in Windsor on Monday, the 7th instant, on the body of **JAMES SMITH HALL**. It appears that Mr. Hall was a young man, residing at Portland Head, and that his mind had become so excited on religious matters as to produce partial insanity. The Rev. Mr. **ADAMS** was visited by him on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, when Mr. Hall appeared very desponding in regard to his religious state; Mr. Adams proceeded to relate the occurrences of the next few days, during which Mr. Hall went to Parramatta to consult a medical man, but returned to Mr. Adams's house about ten o'clock that evening, and conversed in a collected and cheerful manner for about two hours, when he retired to bed. The next morning (Sunday) at half-past seven Mr. Adams entered Mr. Hall's bed-room to awaken him, and to his horror found him hanging from the bed-post by a silk handkerchief. He was instantly cut down, and a medical man sent for, but life was extinct. The jury returned a verdict that deceased destroyed himself, not being of sound mind.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/657, 19/10/1850

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS. - A coroner's inquest was held on Monday, at the wool-washing establishment of Mr. **ARMITAGE**, Bridge-street, on view of the body of **JAMES HAIGH**, aged 21 years, late the superintendent of that establishment, then and there lying dead. **THOMAS M'LENNON** deposed that he resided with Mr. **DODERY**, at Coogee Bay; on Saturday afternoon he saw deceased gallop by in a homeward direction from Big Coogee, and, in about two minutes after, hearing some one shout out, as if for assistance, witness proceeded along the road in the direction of the noise, and found Mr. Haigh and his horse on the road, the body of the animal being on the rider's legs, which rendered him unable to extricate himself; witness assisted him up, when he complained of having been hurt in the chest, and lay down for about a quarter of an hour; he asked for a drink of water, which was procured, Mr. Dodery adding thereto a small quantity of rum; after partaking of which deceased said he was better, re-mounted his horse, and rode homeward. **GEORGE GIBSON** deposed that Mr. Haigh did not complain of having received any injury until an hour

after his return home, on Saturday evening; he continued ill between seven and eight o'clock on Sunday morning, when he expired. Dr. **FULLERTON** deposed that he made a *post mortem* examination of deceased. Verdict, died from injuries accidentally received.

On the same day an inquest was held at Mr. Coleson's, the Whitehaven Inn, Sussex-street, on view of the body of **JOB MAKIN**, then lying dead in the vicinity. **JAMES KIRKMAN** deposed that on Saturday afternoon he saw deceased on horse back galloping along Cumberland-street, and when opposite Mr. Macdonald's public-house, he fell on his head with great violence to the ground; the horse was going at full speed, but stopped the instant his rider fell; deceased was picked up quite insensible, and conveyed to Mr. Short's in Goulburn-street, where it was known he had been residing. Mr. Surgeon **CUTHILL** was then sent for. Makin was still in a state of insensibility, from which he never recovered, and about six o'clock on Sunday morning he expired. Mr. Cuthill gave his testimony that death was caused by compression of the brain. - Verdict - died from injuries accidentally received. The deceased had not long since returned from California, whence he brought gold which realised to him a sum exceeding £250; a few days before his arrival here, his wife had left the colony to proceed in search of him. The horse on which he was riding he had purchased at Stewart's sale a few hours before. He did not appear to be intoxicated, but the smell of liquor was on him when he was picked up. *Herald, Oct. 16*

REPRIEVE OF GLEESON.

An official letter arrived in town on Thursday last containing the announcement that his Excellency had been pleased to exercise his prerogative of mercy in favour of **WILLIAM GLEESON**, who was found guilty of murdering **THOMAS TRACEY**, at Mudgee, and condemned to death; the sentence being commuted to transportation for fifteen years, the first three to be served in irons. *Bathurst Free Press, Oct. 11*

GAYNDAH, September 26.

There are two Chinamen here in custody. One in the employ of Mr. **REID**, for the wilful murder of another Chinaman; the other for shooting a man at Mr. **GOOD's**, at Mondue. *Hunter River District News.*

SINGLETON.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT, AND LOSS OF LIFE. - A coroner's inquest was held on Tuesday last, the 15th instant, at the Fitz Roy Hotel, at 7 a.m., before **HENRY GLENNIE**, Esq., Coroner, and a jury of twelve, touching the death of **PETER KILDUFF**, a carrier, in the employ of **HENRY DANGAR**, Esq. The deceased was brought to the inn in a cart on the previous evening, from about a mile and a half beyond Rix's Creek, where the fatal accident occurred. The jury having been sworn, proceeded to view the body, which presented a most frightful and appalling spectacle, the skull having been severed in two and smashed in by the dray wheel, and the brains wanting. It appeared by the evidence of **THOMAS M'MAHON** and **JOHN SMITH** that they had all three (including the deceased) started from Singleton on Monday morning with loads to Mr. Dangar's station called "Yellow Roy;" the witness M'Mahon went with the teams about three miles on the road, and then left them, a man in his employ having charge of his team; he left the team behind, and went on to the pound at Falbrook, expecting that the three teams would soon pull him up, but after witness (M'Mahon) waiting a considerable time he became uneasy, and returned to look after the teams; M'Mahon met them about three miles from where he left them, when he perceived that his own bullock-driver was intoxicated and sitting on his (which was the leading) dray; M'Mahon got him off, and drove the team himself; the second dray was about 140 yards in the rear of his dray, and deceased's

(Kilduff's) the last; all of a sudden witness heard Smith cry out to him that Kilduff's brains were smashed out. M'Mahon went up to Kilduff's dray, and found deceased lying on the road, his head in the track of the off wheel, and smashed to pieces, his brains scattered along the road; there was about two tons five hundredweight on the dray. Smith, who was driving the middle dray, on looking back, noticed that Kilduff's bullocks had stopped, and went to his dray, and at about two rods behind he found deceased lying on the road, as discovered by the former witness; witness called to M'Mahon, who came back immediately; the track of the off wheel was quite plain over deceased's head; witness saw the deceased about two minutes previous to the fatal occurrence, when he was walking steadily on the near side of his team. On account of the witness Smith not attending in the morning, the inquest was adjourned till 2 p.m. on the same day, when it was resumed. After hearing Smith's evidence, which corroborated M'Mahon's in respect to the accident, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, caused by the wheel of a dray passing over his head.

THE LATE THUNDER STORM. - ... One unfortunate woman of the name of **HEAD**, a widow, living in Surry-street, at the back of Darlinghurst Gaol, was struck by the electric fluid, which entered her house, On Tuesday afternoon, and was instantaneously killed.. She leaves two children behind her.

DEATH BY LIGHTNING. - We regret to have to report the death by lightning of Mrs. **MARY HEAD**, a respectable woman, who resided at Surry-street, Darlinghurst. From the evidence of Mr. **PATRICK DEERY**, at an inquest held yesterday on the body, we learn the following particulars:- Between two and three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon he was informed that Mary Head, the subject of the inquest, was dead; he, with his wife, and two other parties, ran to the house, and found both the front and back door fastened; they then looked in at the front window and saw the unfortunate deceased lying on the floor; they then broke open the door and entered the house; deceased was not then dead, but died almost immediately; she did not speak when they went in; on examination they found that the skin of her chest was peeled off in several places; the lining of a bonnet was lying beside the body, and which she was in the habit of wearing in wet weather, was burnt completely out. The husband of the deceased died about twenty months ago, leaving her with two children, the elder of whom is about six years of age; the house she lived in was her own, and she earned her living by washing; she was a hard working and sober woman. There is a hole in the wall above the chimney place, where the electric fluid is supposed to have entered the room and to have struck the deceased, passing then into the next room, striking the wall about eighteen inches above the floor, travelling up the clock weight lines, smashing the clock, and, passing through the ceiling, forced off the shingles from the eaves upwards. The jury found that deceased met with her death by being struck by lightning. *Herald, Oct. 17*

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS

SINGLETON PP BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

IN-DOOR PATIENTS [ANNUAL REPORT]

ISHMAEL JONES – 15 days – disease of liver – died.

OUTDOOR PATIENTS

GEORGE HARMAN, wife and child – 70 days – husband disease of the lungs, died; child dysentery, died – medical attendance and rations.

GRIFFIN, wife, and 5 children – dropsy (husband) died – medical attendance, and rations to family.

A CHILD DROWNED IN A WELL. - On Thursday last an inquest was held at Clarke's, the White Conduit House, Rushcutter's Bay, on view of the body of **FRANCIS RYAN**, between two and three years old. **CATHERINE RYAN**, residing at Darling Point, deposed that she was mother of the deceased; on Wednesday afternoon she was sitting at needle work, and having missed deceased for a few minutes, she went out to look for him; on going out she saw his cap, and on proceeding a few yards further she saw his body in the well; on taking him out he was put into a warm bath, and every means were used to restore animation, but to no avail: it is an open well. Verdict – accidentally drowned. *Herald, Oct.19*

MYSTERIOUS REMAINS, MISSING MEN

Brudenagh, Lachlan, but no names.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. - Pitt-street, **SUSAN JONES**, aged 6; driver **SMITH** in custody.

DEATH FROM THE FALL OF A TREE. - An inquest was held at the residence of Mr. **ROBERT GREEN**, on the Kissing Point Road, on Thursday last, before Mr. **C.B. LYONS**, coroner for the district, on view of the body of **WILLIAM TARLINGTON**, an old servant in the employ of Mr. **ANDREW NASH**, of the Woolpack Inn. **PATRICK WALKER**, a fellow-servant of the deceased, deposed that himself and William left home at about half-past nine o'clock in the morning, with the horse and dray, for the purpose of getting a load of firewood from Mr. **BETTINGTON's** bush; about half an hour after we had been there, I went to a dead tree, and gave it a cut or two, but not liking the wood, said I would not have it; deceased thought it was good, and continued to cut it down; I went about forty perches off, to look for smaller wood, and on coming back for the horse and dray, heard deceased cry out; I ran, and found him stretched dead beside the tree, so close that he could not be closer unless he was under it; I tried to lift him up but could not; deceased was an old man, too old for work; I saw a wound on the top of his head; his left arm was broken, and also his right arm; I immediately returned to tell my master. The jury returned a verdict that William Tarlington came to his death from the falling of a tree. *Parramatta Correspondent of the Herald.*

BIRTHS

At Vauclose, on the 14th October, Mrs. **WENTWORTH**, of a still born daughter.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Friday, 18th October

On the same day the reserved points on the case of The Queen v **MOGO GAR**, came on for hearing. Mogo, an aboriginal, was convicted of murder at the late Central Criminal Court; objections were taken, and reserved, that certain statements of the dying man were improperly received in evidence, and that the jury were misdirected as to the grounds on which they should return a verdict of murder or manslaughter. Mr. **HOLROYD** kindly argued the points for the prisoner. The Solicitor General contended that the conviction was good. The court over ruled the objections, confirming the conviction. *Abridged from the Sydney papers.*

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR BATHURST. - A coroner's inquest was held on Monday, the 14th instant, at Macquarie Plains, the estate of Mr. **WILLIAM LAWSON**, on the body of a man named **FRANCIS DRAPER**. The deceased and two others were employed to endeavour to get a young colt into the stable; they got him as far as the door; the horse, however, felt no inclination to enter; force was attempted, but with no avail; the two men used their best endeavours to accelerate his movements by occasionally lashing the obstinate animal with a whip. The horse became furious, threw up his hind legs, and kicked the deceased on the rim of the

belly; he fell senseless, and was conveyed to his hut. The occurrence took place about 5 p.m. on Saturday, and early on the following morning Draper expired, having in the interim laboured under the most excruciating agony. The jury returned a verdict death from the effects of a kick from a horse. *Herald Correspondent.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/659, 26/10/1850

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - An inquest was held on Saturday, at Olliffe's, the Cockatoo Inn, Surry Hills, on view of the body of **JOHN QUIN**, aged about three years six months. From the evidence of the father of the child, who is a water carrier, it appeared that on Friday afternoon, he put his horse in his cart, and left it for about a minute; on his return, he took the horse by the head to lead him on; just as the horse was starting, he saw the wheel passing over the deceased, which was the first he saw of him; deceased must have been under the axle-tree when he (witness) moved the horse on, as he fell outwards. The little fellow was instantly taken into the house, and the distracted parent ran for Mr. **HONNER**, the nearest medical practitioner, but before his return the child was dead. Mr. Honner gave evidence as to the character and extent of the injuries - "a large wound extending to the full extent of the right parietal bone, but no appearance of hemorrhage from the wound, the bleeding having ceased; the injuries were sufficient to account for death." Verdict, died from injuries accidentally received. *Herald, Oct. 21*

SYDNEY NEWS

The convicts **MOGO** and **JAMES WHELAN** are ordered to execution on Tuesday, the 5th November next, at Darlinghurst Gaol.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was held yesterday at Parkinson's, the Wellington Inn, Parramatta-street, on view of the body of **JOHN PECK**, aged 24, then lying dead at the Benevolent Asylum. **GEORGE CRESSWELL** deposed, that he resides as Armitage's Fellmongering establishment, Bridge-end; about ten o'clock on Thursday morning he saw the deceased passing the establishment, towards Sydney, on horse back, and going down towards the crossing place he went out of sight; a few minutes afterwards he saw the horse half in and half out of the creek; seeing no rider, he (witness) went with the men at work on the premises to look after him, but after searching for some time in vain, he came to Sydney to report the circumstance to the police, and afterwards sent a man with the horse to Mr. **POTTER**, at Botany, in whose employ the deceased was; the crossing place was covered with water to the depth of about two feet, and a part of the dray road is washed away; from the appearance of the spot he (witness) was of opinion that deceased had gone too near the brink, which had given way, being sand, and precipitated him into the water. Mr. Potter deposed that some days ago deceased had his arm bitten by a horse, and was on his way to Sydney for medical advice when this melancholy occurrence took place; on receiving the intelligence forwarded by the last witness he proceeded to the spot, and was with several others dragging the water hole until about four o'clock in the afternoon before they found the body; it was then quite dead; the place is about twenty yards in width, and the water about ten feet deep; the body was found about four feet from the brink, and from its position he thought that deceased had scarcely even struggled. Verdict, accidentally drowned. *Herald, Oct. 24*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/660, 30/10/1850

HOMICIDE AT DARLING DOWNS. - Last Saturday a Chinaman, in the employ of Mr. **WHITTING**, D.D., was killed with a blow of a wool spade, by a white man, with whom he was working in the wool shed. Such is the account which has reached us,

and it adds that the white man had not then (last Sunday) been taken into custody, as there was no witness of the blow, but that Dr. **MILES**, of Drayton, had gone over to make a *post mortem* examination. *Moreton Bay Courier*, Oct. 19

MURDER.

The *Windsor Telegraph* reports the evidence given on an inquest held at Colo, on the 21st instant, on the body of **ANN BECKHAM**, aged eleven years. The deceased girl, Ann Beckham, was in the service of Mr. **WILLIAM BURGESS**, a settler residing at Colo. Early in August, Mr. Burgess hired, through an agent in Sydney, a man named **FREDERICK HERMENDING**; this man worked well for some weeks but then he became obstinate and troublesome, setting Mr. Burgess at defiance; by mutual consent the agreement was cancelled, on the 30th September; prisoner went away for one day, Sunday, and then returned and again entered into Mr. Burgess's service again, without any written agreement. After this he became melancholy and reserved in his manner, not answering when spoken to, and late on Monday evening, the 14th instant, he went into the house (having usually slept in a hut) and got Mr. Burgess to read religious books to him; and subsequently Mr. Burgess consented to his sleeping in the house that night. For some days he continued in this frame of mind, Mr. Burgess reading religious books to him at his request, but apparently not suspecting that Hermending was at all deranged. On Friday night, the 18th, Hermending brought his bed and box into the house to sleep, and talked rationally with Mr. Burgess about religion, and about the farm work for the next day; Mr. Burgess went to bed, but was awakened by hearing Hermending walking about, lighting the fire, and talking to himself in a strange way; Hermending shortly afterwards called to Mr. Burgess to read the history of Job to him; Mr. Burgess did so, but was stopped by Hermending after reading a few verses, Hermending saying he wanted no more of that, and looking fiercely at Mr. Burgess, wielding the broken handle of a frying-pan, and muttering that he had work to do, but the time was not yet come; Hermending refused to let Mr. Burgess go out of the house, or to go to bed again, and would not retire to bed himself. Mr. Burgess went to bed after some time, and was again called by Hermending, but refused to get up, and on Hermending trying to get into his room Mr. Burgess locked the door. In the morning early Hermending again called to Mr. Burgess, saying that work must be done, that he must complete it, and that in a satisfactory manner; Mr. Burgess got up, and partly opening the door saw Hermending sitting in the adjoining room with an iron wrench in one hand and the frying-pan handle in the other; he refused to lay down these weapons, and Mr. Burgess refused to leave the room unless he did so; the little girl now came into the room to take the fire, and Hermending said he had a great mind to kill her then, but would do so at another time, and banish them all to the Red Sea; after some persuasion he let the girl make the fire. Mrs. Burgess now called the girl into her bed-room; Hermending called out, "Come out, no treachery;" Mrs. Burgess left the girl out by a back way, and sent her to arouse the neighbours; Hermending called her back, but she did not return, and Hermending, who had opened the front door, rushed back to the bed-room door, and struck at Mr. Burgess with the frying-pan handle; Mr. Burgess defended himself with a chair, but received a slight blow, and Hermending seizing the chair they both fell in the struggle; Mr. Burgess now got away into the bed-room, the door of which he and his wife locked, and piled up boxes against it. Presently two neighbours, who had been alarmed by the girl, came to the house, and Hermending made a blow with the handle at the first of them, **JOHN EDMONDSON**, which was warded off by an umbrella; Hermending then ran past the second neighbour, and ran at the poor girl, who was following them towards the house; she ran away, but Hermending overtook her, and struck her a blow on the

head with the iron wrench, and she fell; he then appears to have left her for a moment, but returned to her and beat her about the head with the iron handle till Mr. Burgess and the neighbours ran up; Hermending then threw the iron handle at Edmondson, and was himself struck by Mr. Burgess with a pitchfork; Hermending said he would kill them all in the same way, and then ran away, and left the place. The poor girl was quite dead, the skull having been battered in. Hermending was taken prisoner by four men, after a desperate resistance. It appears that Hermending had told a person that Mr. Burgess had discharged him, and swore that he would not leave Colo till he had revenge on Mr. Burgess. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Hermending.

A MOTHER COMMITTED TO TAKE HER TRIAL FOR THE WILFUL MURDER OF HER INFANT.

An inquest was held on the 22nd and (by adjournment) on 25th instant, on view of the body of **MARY SWEENEY**, ----- months old, **CATHERINE SWEENEY**, her mother, being in custody. The husband of the prisoner, it appeared, left the Colony for California in the month of \October last year; since which time she gave birth to the child, the subject of this inquiry; the house she lived in was her own, part fo which she let for four or five shillings a week, and when she was disposed, was able to earn from 10s. to 12s. a week at trouser making; she had, however, as it appeared by the evidence of several witnesses, given herself up to habitual intoxication, to purchase the means for which debasing and destructive indulgence, she not only devoted the proceeds of the rental income and her earnings, but some £10 or £12 sent up by her husband, and all the furniture of the house. It would be both disgusting and tedious to give the evidence of several witnesses, who spoke of the habitual neglect of deceased by the prisoner; it did not appear that deceased had been washed for months, except on one or two occasions, when some charitable female would take it from the equally miserable, dirty, and hungry child, the eldest sister, about seven years of age, who was constantly perambulating the streets with the infant in her arms; the infant generally wore a flannel shirt (which one of the witnesses said could not have been washed for weeks) – no napkins, nor any linen whatever next its skin. The infant died on Tuesday last, when, in consequence of the representations of the neighbours as to the treatment she received from her mother, the coroner thought it necessary to hold an inquest on the body. Dr. **TIERNEY** made a *post mortem* examination of the body. From all the symptoms he could discover, Dr. T. was of opinion that deceased died from want of proper and sufficient sustenance; there was no organic disease; the emaciation must have been going on for some time. Dr. Tierney saw the room in which the children slept; they were lying on a few shreds of cloth, without any covering, and were half naked, and disgustingly dirty. The jury under the circumstances found a verdict of wilful murder against Catherine Sweeney, who was thereupon committed by the coroner to take her trial. *Herald, Oct. 28*

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE. - Some time on Thursday night last, a man named **WILLIAM WEBB**, residing with Mr. **PLUM** of Brisbane Meadow, Bungonia, destroyed himself by blowing the roof of his skull off with a fowling piece. The tragic act was first discovered by Mrs. Plum, on going into the kitchen yesterday morning, where she found Webb lying dead with his brains scattered over the floor. An inquest will be held this day. *Goulburn Herald, Oct. 20*

SUPREME COURT, Friday, October 25.

(from the S.H. Herald)

(Before their Honors the three Judges)

CROWN CASES RESERVED. - The Queen v **MULDOON**.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/661, 02/11/1850

WIDE BAY. - MURDER BY THE BLACKS, AND REPRISALS BY THE INHABITANTS. – OCTOBER 15.

The township of Maryborough was thrown into a state of alarm a few days since, by a report, which was unfortunately too true, that a bullock-driver, named **ROBERTS**, had been killed by the blacks. One of the murderers was supposed to have been a man who a short time since was in custody on a charge of rape. The body of the unfortunate Roberts was found within a quarter of a mile of the town. On the following morning some of the inhabitants, accompanied by a few sailors belonging to vessels lying in the river, proceeded to the camps of the blacks, and shot several – we have heard as many as six of them perished. *Herald Correspondent.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/662, 06/11/1850

MURDER.

Yesterday an inquest was held by **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., at Mr. Risby's inn, Falls, West Maitland, on the body of **ABRAHAM DAWES**. The inquest was concluded at so late an hour that we have not time for a full report in this publication. Dawes and two other men were, it appears, coming down the country with teams, and one of the men, named **TOM MATTHEWS**, quarrelled with Dawes near Murrurundi, and is sworn to have brutally ill-used him. Dawes from this time complained of pain and illness, but travelled to Maitland, and on Saturday last was attended at Mr. Risby's by a medical man, but died yesterday morning. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Matthews. Matthews is not in custody yet, having been discharged by his employer, Mr. **SUMNER** at Black Creek, in consequence of the fight, Mr. Sumner not suspecting the extent of the injuries inflicted on Dawes.

A MAN DROWNED. - On Friday morning as Mr. **WILLIAM TUNKS** and his sons were bathing at the Figtree, they observed something in the water which resembled a dog. One of them swam out close to it, and returning said that it was an animal of that kind, but Mr. Tunks himself, thinking he saw something like hands underneath the water, got a boat and pushed out towards it, when he discovered that it was a human body. A card case containing cards with the name of "**MORTIMER**" and 4s. 3d. in cash, some tobacco, and a knife were found upon his person. An inquest will be held this day. *People's Advocate, Nov. 2*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was on Saturday held at Murphy's, the Traveller's Rest, Market-street, on view of the body of **WILLIAM MORTIMER**. This was the body found floating near the Fig-tree by the Messrs. **TUNKS**. From the evidence of Mrs. Mortimer, residing in Castlereagh-street, it appears that Mortimer was given to drink, and had been labouring under *delirium tremens*; some short time since, while suffering in that way, he left home with an expressed intention to destroy himself, but was brought back by a man who went after him; on the present occasion he went out on Tuesday morning several times, apparently getting drink, and finally went out, and did not return. The jury returned a verdict that deceased put an end to his existence by drowning, while labouring under the effects of intemperance. *Abridged from the Herald, Nov. 4*

CHILD LOST.

A few days since a little boy about eighteen months old, son of Mrs. **HAND**, of Wheeo, strayed from his home. An active search was instituted by the distracted mother and the neighbours, when after two days search the poor creature was found dead, death having, no doubt, been produced by starvation. *Goulburn Herald, Nov. 2*

DEATHS.

At Juanda, Dawson River, on 28th September last, **THOMAS MARK**, eldest son of **A. WINDEYER**, Esq., Kinross, Raymond Terrace, by an accidental pistol-shot wound on the 6th August 1849.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/663, 09/11/1850

MURDER OF ABRAHAM DAWES

EXECUTION. - The final sentence of the law was yesterday morning carried into effect on the two unfortunate men who were convicted at the last Criminal Sessions for wilful murder – **WHELAN**, and **MOGO**, an aboriginal native. The former at the trial confessed the crime, but urged the influence of drink and jealousy as the exciting cause. Since his conviction he has devoted himself entirely to spiritual exercise, and the Rev. Dean **M'ENROE**, who attended him on the scaffold, in a few words stated to the crowd that the unhappy convict confessed his guilt, and admitted the justice of his punishment, but earnestly implored that his example might deter others from the fatal vice of intoxication. **MOGO** also was resigned and penitent. He admitted to having committed various deeds of violence, for which he was aware he was amenable to the English law, but he declared that he tried to prevent the blacks from committing the outrage which led to his death. He appears to have been a man of considerable intellect, partially cultivated by his intercourse with Europeans. On the night preceding his execution he was visited by the Bishop of New Zealand, and there was every reason to believe, from the tenor of his conversation, that he died a penitent Christian. The Rev. Messrs. **BODENHAM** and **T. WILKINSON** attended him to the scaffold. Both men were composed, but when the drop fell, Whelan struggled violently for upwards of five minutes, but Mogo died apparently in an instant. *Herald, Nov. 6*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/664, 13/11/1850

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Wednesday afternoon a man named **JONES**, a resident of the Glebe, went out in company with three others to fish. They rowed outside the reef, where there was a cross sea, and Jones was standing leaning over the bow, when the boat lurched, and he was thrown into the water. No efforts which his companions could have made would have saved him, for he never rose again. *People's Advocate, Nov. 9*

ABERGLASLYN = **SUSAN COX** bitten by snake.

SYDNEY NEWS.

An inquest was held to-day to inquire in the cause of death of **FRANCIS WHITWORTH**, oil and colour-man, of George-street. The deceased left home on Friday night, about a quarter before eight o'clock, for the purpose of attending a meeting of Odd Fellows, to which order he belonged; he did not, however, go there, and was found in George-street, about three o'clock in the morning, opposite the Royal Hotel, apparently in a fit, and was conveyed to the Watch-house, where he was visited by Dr. **RUTTER**, who, after adopting certain remedies, had him removed to his own residence, where he remained insensible up to the time of his death, about two o'clock in the afternoon. Verdict, death by the visitation of God.

An inquest was also initiated on Saturday afternoon, touching the death of a publican named **ABERDEEN**, at the corner of Phillip and Hunter streets. Owing to some circumstances of a domestic nature having transpired, the inquest was adjourned till Wednesday, at the Town Hall.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - We have to record a most distressing accident that occurred at North Brisbane on Saturday afternoon. A fine intelligent boy [**EDWARD ALFRED WRIGHT**] five years of age, the child of a respectable man named **WRIGHT**, a constable in the Brisbane Police, was playing with some other children at the back of the Commissariat store, when, in turning round on the parapet surmounting the wall of the deep area that surrounds the building, he lost his balance, and fell to the bottom, a distance of some eighteen or twenty feet. The accident was observed by a servant woman of the chief constable, who screamed for assistance, and Mr. **BYRNES**, the lessee of the ferry, picked up the child, and carried him into Mr. **SNEYD'S** house, where Dr. **HOBBS** and Dr. **CANNAN** soon afterwards attended; but medical skill was useless, and the child died the same evening, without having exhibited consciousness from the moment of his fall. No doubt the poor little fellow fell upon his head and fractured his skull. *Moreton Bay Courier, Nov. 4*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/665, 16/11/1850

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. - On Tuesday an inquest was held below Hinton, before **J.S. PARKER**, Esq., Coroner, on the body of **PATRICK CONNOR**. It appeared that on Saturday last, early in the afternoon, three men in Mr. **EALES'S** employment, named **PATRICK CONNOR, EDWARD WHYLIE, and JOSIAH SQUIRES**, went to bathe in the river, near Mr. E.'s dock. Whylie was the only one of the party who could swim, and he and Squires were in the water, he being teaching Squires to swim, when Connor called out from the bank "Ned, I'm going to jump in, look out for me," and immediately jumped out into the river about fifteen feet, into a spot where there was deep water and a soft muddy bottom. Whylie pushed Squires into shallow water, and looked out for Connor, but he did not rise for some time, and then only just got his head above water, made a splash with his hands, and sunk again before Whylie, who was much confused, could reach him. Whylie now swam to shore and got a piece of wood, in case Squires (sic) rose again, but no more was seen of him. A settler living on the opposite bank called to Whylie to get the boat, which he did, and they searched for some time, trying to find Connor with the oars, but unsuccessfully. Drags were procured, but the body could not be found, the tide being ebbing strongly at the time. On Monday evening a little girl observed the body floating about half a mile below, and giving the alarm, it was taken on shore; it was much covered with mud and weeds. The jury returned a verdict of accidentally drowned.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Saturday afternoon, on the body of a man named **ABERDEEN**, a publican, residing in Hunter-street, who died very suddenly at about five o'clock in the morning. Owing to some rumours that prevailed, a *post mortem* examination was ordered, and a jury having been sworn and the body identified, the enquiry was adjourned till one o'clock on Wednesday, at the police office. It was then resumed, and further adjourned till Friday. *Herald, Nov. 14*

SUICIDE. - An inquest was yesterday held at Bluck's, the Family Hotel, Surry Hills, on view of the body of **MARGARET FLYNN**. **JAMES HARRIS**, residing in Riley-street, Surry Hills, deposed that on Sunday morning about five o'clock he went to the house of the deceased, and on his way he met her going to his house; she appeared to be quite sober; on returning home with his wife he found the gate unbolted; on entering he saw a bonnet, and presently his wife observing that the cover of the well was up, shouted out that she was sure Margaret Flynn was in the well; the fact of finding the bonnet without the woman led him to the same conclusion, and forthwith he procured a grappling iron and set to work; in a few minutes he succeeded in bringing up a body - that viewed by the jury - the body of Margaret Flynn,

apparently quite dead. Dr. **TIERNEY** was sent for and shortly arrived. He found that the woman was dead beyond all hope of resuscitation. **WILLIAM LENNOX** deposed that deceased had been drinking very hard for the last two or three weeks; on Sunday morning, about half-past four o'clock, she left home quite sober, and he did not see her again alive; she had often said she would make away with herself, but as it was always after a drinking bout he took no notice of it. She was about thirty-six years of age, and has left one child. The jury returned a verdict of *felo de se*. *Herald, Nov. 12*

SHOCKING ACCIDENT. - Some short time ago, a man [**BEAMAN**] in the employ of Mr. **WOOLLEY**, of George-street, iron monger, was sent with a quantity of damaged gun powder, which he was ordered to throw into the harbour. Instead of doing as he was ordered, it appears that he threw it with some other rubbish on a piece of waste land near the Museum. The deposit was soon discovered by some boys, who were in the habit of playing in the vicinity, one or two of whom, it is said, carried away small portions of the dangerous material. On Monday forenoon, however, a boy named **LINE** [**LANE**], about ten years of age, thought to have a rare spree with the powder, and after leading a train a short distance from the great mass, applied a match, and of course the whole exploded. The boy was so near that he was very much injured and burnt; but although placed immediately under the care of Mr. **BENNETT**, the result was, that after lingering in great agony until about two o'clock yesterday afternoon, he expired. An inquest will be held upon the body today. *Herald, Nov. 13*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/666, 26/11/1850

ARMIDALE

MELANCHOLY DEATH BY DROWNING.

Accounts reached Armidale last week of the death by drowning of Mr. **WILLIAM FARQUHARSON**, formerly superintendent of the St. Leonard's station in this district, late belonging to the Bank of Australasia. It appears that deceased was on his way to the M'Leay for the purpose of procuring a farm; on arriving at Mr. **WARNE'S** station, "Towal Creek," he was urgently advised not to attempt the usual crossing-place of the M'Leay River, as, in consequence of the recent flood, the footing had been made extremely dangerous. Mr. Farquharson's business being urgent, and having frequently incurred dangers before, he proceeded. On the following day Mr. **P. RIGNEY**, on his way to Port Macquarie, found the unfortunate gentleman's horse grazing on the river bank, and immediately gave information to the nearest station. Every exertion was used for the recovery of the body, Mr. **MEREWETHER**, Chief Commissioner Lands for the M'Leay district, giving every assistance in his power, and it was ultimately found about four miles below. From the appearance of the body, it is supposed that Mr. Farquharson had tried to force the horse into the water, and in the endeavour to do so had been thrown, as there was an extensive cut and bruise on the left side of the head, apparently made by the horse's shoe. He was much and deservedly respected, and has left a widow and four children to lament his premature death.

ACCIDENT. - A man named **WALKER**, residing in Elizabeth-street, took home a lump of gunpowder which was thrown near the Museum, and thinking it was coal, he put it on the fire when he got home. As might be expected, it exploded, and he was severely burned about the face and head. *People's Advocate, Nov. 16*

THE INQUEST ON MR. ABERDEEN. - The adjourned inquest on the body of Mr. **ABERDEEN** was resumed yesterday. The evidence of the medical witnesses was that death was caused by an effusion of serum on the brain (serous apoplexy), and

that whatever was the cause of certain inflammatory spots visible near the entrance of the stomach, that inflammation could have had no influence on the death of the deceased. The coroner left it to the jury to say whether they thought it necessary to have the stomach and its contents analysed, together with some fluid thrown off by deceased from his stomach shortly before his death. The jury considered this desirable, after some deliberation, and the inquest was adjourned for a fortnight for the purpose of having an analysis made. *Abridged from the Herald, Nov. 16*

THE GUNPOWDER FATAL ACCIDENT. - The inquest of the body of **MATTHEW LANE** was resumed yesterday. The particulars of this case have already been given, Lane having been so severely scorched by an explosion of gunpowder that he died. The powder (damaged) had been thrown on a vacant piece of land near the Museum by a carter named **BEAMAN**, in the employ of Mr. **T. WOOLLEY**. Directions had been given that the powder should be thrown into the harbour, but it was not clearly proved whether these directions were given to Beaman. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and gave it as their opinion that due caution was not used. Beaman, who had been apprehended, was then discharged from custody. *Abridged from Herald, Nov. 16*

MOGO. - Feature story re Mogo's origins and childhood.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/667, 23/11/1850

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. - Early on Saturday morning, Mr. **GEORGE OAKES**, M.C., left town for Penrith, in a gig, accompanied by his brother Mr. **F. OAKES**; they drove at a moderate pace along the Western Road, until near the bridge over the Eastern Creek, near Mr. Dean's licensed tavern. There happened to be a cart with stone a-head, and some men working under the bridge; at one or the other of these the horse started and took fright, turning suddenly, made a spring to the side of the bridge, and in doing so carried away the top rail, and with the sudden jerk broke out of the harness; ... *Parramatta Correspondent of the Herald.*

MISSING PERSON. **BENJAMIN COTT** still missing; see previous issue.

DEATH.

Killed, instantaneously, from the kick of a horse, at Peel's River, on the 9th November, **WILLIAM COLLINSON**, fourth son of the Rev. Thomas Maxwell Hunt, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch; aged 26 years.

MURDER.

ANG, a Chinaman, was indicted for the wilful murder of a fellow countryman, at Mr. **REID'S** station, in the Burnett district.

Mr. **PEARSON THOMPSON** undertook the defence, at the request of the Court.

From the evidence of **ANG KEE ING**, another Chinaman, and of a person named **HALBERT**, overseer for Mr. Reid, and also the testimony of Dr. **F. O'NEILL**, the following facts were adduced. Deceased, prisoner, and the witness Ang Kee Ing, were all in the employ of Mr. Reid, and on the day of the alleged murder a quarrel had occurred between the prisoner and deceased, in the hut, when the prisoner had fired a gun at deceased just at the time when the latter was supposed to be throwing a pannikin at the prisoner, as the witness Ang Kee Ing stated he did. This supposition was grounded on the fact of the ball from the gun having glanced on the arm in such a manner as to show that the limb must have been extended at the time. The ball, according to the evidence of the surgeon, had afterwards entered the body and inflicted several wounds, which were sufficient to cause death. The wounded man died on the same day, and subsequently Dr. **O'NEILL**, by desire of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, had the body disinterred, and made a *post mortem*

examination. As the evidence of the Chinaman did not quite agree with his former statements, and there seemed reason to believe that the deceased and prisoner had been struggling together, and that the gun was fired on the impulse of the moment, the Judge charged the jury accordingly, and a verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned. The prisoner was sentenced to three years on the roads.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/669, 30/11/1850

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was yesterday held by Mr. **BRENAN**, coroner for the city and district of Sydney, at Stewart's, the Woolpack Inn, Campbell-street, on view of the body of **JOHN A. BIRD**, aged twenty-six. About a fortnight since deceased cut his thumb while assisting to skin a bullock that had died of what is called the "black leg;" the cut was very slight, in fact, scarcely discernable. Three or four days since he complained of pain under the arm - which he carried in a sling - so severe, he said, that he could not let his arm out of the sling; on Friday he asked to see a medical man, when Dr. **M'VITIE** was called in. On Sunday he died. Mr. **H.W. M'VITIE**, surgeon and doctor of medicine, residing in Pitt-street, deposed that when he saw deceased on Friday he found him labouring under great pain, extending from under the left arm over the left side of the chest; there was a great swelling or puffing over the chest; deceased fainted twice whilst witness was examining him; witness asked if he had any cuts about the fingers, when he replied that he had not; I looked at his left hand, and found a small mark upon the first joint of the thumb, which he said he had received while getting oysters, about a fortnight before, and that a piece of shell was in it; treated him according to the symptoms, and next morning he complained less of pain, but had a great inclination to vomit; the swelling in the chest had almost disappeared, and the thumb appeared to be free of inflammation; when about to leave witness was informed that he had cut his thumb while skinning a diseased bullock some days back, but had not complained until Thursday; a wound received under such circumstances would he thought impart a *virus* to the system, and cause the swelling and symptoms he perceived; on receiving this information he laid open the thumb, and deceased seemed to be insensible to pain in that part; no doubt there was some *virus* present, which caused prostration of the whole nervous system, and that prostration was the cause of death - it would not yield to the stimulants prescribed. Verdict, died from the effects of a *virus* imparted to the system while in the act of skinning a bullock which had died of disease. *Herald, Nov. 26*

SUICIDE. - A woman named **GUARD**, between nine and ten o'clock on Friday morning, threw herself into the water from the wharf at Mrs. Bigge's bathing place, and but for the prompt assistance of a person named **CHARLESWORTH**, who had heard of the circumstance while at work in the vicinity, she would inevitably have drowned. He put off in a boat and rescued her; shortly after which, constable **LUCAS** arrived, who took means for her removal to the lock-up. She was there attended by Dr. **RUTTER**, and, on Saturday morning, she stood before their worships perfectly recovered. She said she was tired of her life from ill-treatment - from whom she did not state. The bench ordered her to enter into sureties for good behaviour, in default of which she was committed to gaol for a month. *Herald, Nov. 25*

FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Sunday, during the heavy squall, Mr. **ABERCROMBIE**'s boat, while returning to Five Dock with his family from Balmain Church, was driven ashore and bilged on Spectacle Island, from whence the family were taken by a fisherman's boat, with the exception of the servant man, named **TERENCE CREDEN**, who, instead of attending divine service, had got drunk at a public-house, and it appears had fallen asleep on the island. Another boat was despatched for him,

when he was seen to take off his jacket and go into the water and swim for a few moments, when he sank to rise no more. An unavailing search was made for the body for hours afterwards, and again the following morning at low water, but without success. He was only discharged from the 11th regiment on the 1st of October last.

Herald, Nov. 26

On Tuesday the 12th instant, a man named **WILLIAM WOODS** died very suddenly at the Gungahmye station (M'Killop's). He was a stockman, and was just going to mount his horse, having a whip in one hand, and the bridle reins in the other, when he dropped down, and instantly expired. *Herald Correspondent.*

DEATH BY DROWNING. - Between ten and eleven o'clock on Sunday forenoon, one **THOMAS BENSON** was drowned while bathing off the Market Wharf. A waterman named **PEGG** saw the man sinking, and instantly went to the rescue. Sergeant **ADAMS**, of the police, took measures for his immediate removal to the Infirmary, where all was done for him that skill could devise, but without avail - he died soon after his arrival here. An inquest will be held on the body today. *Herald, Nov. 26.*

BOAT ACCIDENT AND ONE MAN DROWNED. - Yesterday, about two p.m., while the cutter belonging to the Hamburg ship *San Francisco*, was cruising off Bradley's Head, she was struck with a heavy squall from the southward and capsized; a sailor belonging to the ship named **FRANZ ALBRECHET**, of Hamburg, was drowned. The boat was in charge of the mate and three sailors at the time of the accident, and they were saved by clinging to the boat's keel, on which they remained for upwards of an hour. Mr. **JONES**, of the Flagstaff, was the first to discover the boat upside down, and he immediately despatched his messenger to the Waterman's Wharf, when seven boats put off to render assistance. The body of the man had not been recovered last night. *Herald, Nov. 28*

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS

SINGLETON

CORONER'S INQUESTS. - An inquest was held on Wednesday last, the 26th instant, at the Rose Inn, Singleton, before **HENRY GLENNIE**, Esq., coroner, and a jury of twelve, touching the death of **GEORGE TICKLE**, a young man about 19 years of age, in the employment of **CHARLES SIMPSON**, J.P., of Brickburne, near Black Creek. The body lay at the lock-up, near the Rose Inn, and upon the jury proceeding to view it, great difficulty was experienced in even recognising the features, the body being in such a high state of decomposition. From the evidence of Charles Simpson, Esq., **JAMES TENNANT**, and **JAMES SMITH**, it appeared that the deceased was on Sunday last despatched by his master to Black Creek to the post office there for letters; on leaving Black Creek he was accompanied on his way home by Tennant and Smith, all three being on horse back. On nearing the river near his master's place, his horse suddenly shied, and ran him against a tree, when he fell off and lay upon the ground, for some time insensible; he was then carried into a neighbour's hut, when his master was sent for, who had him conveyed home. Upon examination no marks of external injury were visible on his body, and his master did not send for medical assistance, as he was told that the lad had been drinking, and had merely fallen from his horse. On the following morning he appeared much better, walking about. Suddenly a change came over him, which alarmed his master, who immediately went into the paddock for a horse to ride into town for a doctor, but upon his return from the paddock deceased was dead. Deceased bore an excellent character. Neither Smith nor Tennant acquainted Mr. Simpson that the lad had been thrown; and, from his occasional vomiting, his master was strongly impressed with

the idea that it was merely the effects of the drink that the lad was labouring under, instead of concussion of the brain. The Jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from injuries received by a fall from a horse.

ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT. - Another inquest was held yesterday before the same coroner, at the house of Patrick M'Manus, the Donnybrook Fair, upon the body of **EDWARD M'MANUS**, there lying dead. It appeared from the evidence of **CHARLES SMITH**, and of **DENNIS M'MANUS**, the deceased's son, that on Wednesday at about eleven o'clock, the two teams of Smith and M'Manus started together from Ramsay's on the road for Patrick's Plains, Smith having a load for his master, Mr. **MARSH**, of New England, and M'Manus having about two tons and a half for a store-keeper at Singleton; Smith's team being the leading team, M'Manus was behind, and had borrowed three of Smith's bullocks, having lost some of his own; Smith went on in advance, and soon lost sight of M'Manus (the dust being very much), and got as far as Miller's, when, after being there some time, he was informed that M'Manus lay dead on the road; he went back, and found it to be true; Dennis M'Manus had left his father at Ramsay's, yoking up his bullocks, and had gone into the bush to look for some bullocks that were missing, and upon returning with them to Ramsay's, found that his father had gone on with the team; he then followed after him, and at the distance of about a mile found his father lying dead upon the road. There was a track where the near wheels had passed across his left arm, and then over his chest; deceased was perfectly sober at the time of the accident; he was in the habit of riding on the pole, and one of the strange bullocks was in the pole. "Verdict - that the deceased came by his death by the wheel of his dray passing over his body." The deceased was very much respected in Singleton, being a steady and industrious man. He leaves a widow and nine children to deplore his untimely end. *November 29.*

A MAN FOUND DROWNED. - We are informed that on Saturday last the body of **SAMUEL KEYS** was found in one of the saltwater creeks of the William River, and that an inquest was to be held on the body early this week. Keys resided on Mr. **R. LANG'S** estate, William River, and owned a threshing machine; he has left a wife and one child to mourn their loss.

STABBING = of WILLIAM FLETCHER by WILLIAM MILLER.

FATAL ACCIDENT. - The district of Hartley has for some time past been rife with the reports of melancholy accidents and sudden deaths. Another distressing casualty occurred on Tuesday, the 12th inst. A young man, in the employ of Mr. **J. FINN**, was killed instantaneously, by the overturning of a cart. He was driving in quest of a load of sand, when the horse bolted, ran foul of a stump, and the upset vehicle came in contact with the young man's head and crushed it to pieces. His remains were found by one of the aborigines a short time after the catastrophe. It is worthy of remark that this is the second man killed by the same cart. *Bathurst Free Press.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/670, 04/12/1850

ACCIDENTS. = WILLIAM BEARD, East Maitland

WILLIAM ??, Morpeth

THE INQUEST ON MR. ABERDEEN. - The adjourned inquest, touching the death of **JOHN ABERDEEN**, took place yesterday. The purport of the evidence previously taken has already appeared in the *Herald*, and it will be recollected that the last adjournment took place in consequence of the desire of some of the jurymen that the contents of the stomach should be subjected to a chemical analysis. The analysis was entrusted to Dr. **a'BECKETT** and Mr. **PORTER**. Mr. Porter deposed that he found indications of opium, but not sufficient to determine the quantity; he had

analysed the stomach itself to a certain extent, and in the process discovered indications similar to those produced by metallic arsenic; the indications might not have exceeded the 2-100th of a grain; but the corroborative tests did not confirm these appearances; he analysed the contents of the stomach, but found no arsenic. Dr. a'Beckett deposed that he attended with Mr. Porter in the operation. In one experiment they fancied that there were indications of arsenic, but by subsequent tests they were not corroborated; in several other experiments there was no indication whatever; he was inclined to the opinion that no arsenic existed. The jury retired for a short time to consider their verdict, and on their return found a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence – that death was the result of serous apoplexy. *Herald, Nov. 30*

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Thursday, at the Benevolent Asylum, on the body of a man, name unknown, which was the previous day found in the water at Shark Bay, by a working man named **BANBURY**. Information having been received by Mr. **SINGLETON**, of the coroner's department, he at once proceeded to Shark Bay and brought up the body, or rather the remains of the body, for the trunk and arms only were left, the other portions having been eaten by fish. His apparel consisted of Cossack boots, a blue Guernsey frock, a striped shirt, and moleskin trousers. Inquiry was made on board the ship *San Francisco*, one of whose men was drowned a few days ago, and of the friends of one or two other men who have been drowned and their bodies not found, but the dress did not correspond with that worn by either at the period of their death. The jury found a verdict of found drowned, but how or when there was no evidence. *Herald, Nov. 30*

SHOCKING ACCIDENT. - A fine boy about ten years of age, named **BYRNE**, residing with his mother at Pymont (his father being in California), was yesterday out gathering brushwood for the fire, when he fell over a precipice of some sixteen or eighteen feet, and died on the spot. We understand his skull was fractured, and his neck dislocated by the violence of the fall. *Herald, Nov. 30*

A MAN DROWNED. - Between ten and eleven o'clock on Thursday night a person, name unknown, went on board the brig *Louisa*, lying off the Queen's Wharf, for the purpose, it is supposed, of robbing the cabin. There was a ferocious dog on the deck, which ran at the man, who either jumped or fell over the stern to avoid him. He was seen to fall by a sentry on the Commissariat Wharf, who gave an alarm; but although several boats were in the vicinity, and immediately rowed to the spot, they could not find the body. Search was also made yesterday, but without avail. *Herald, Nov. 30*

ACCIDENTS = G. OAKES, better? G. LOCK, Windsor, snake bite?

BATHURST. - FATAL ACCIDENT. - On Sunday last a distressing accident, which unfortunately terminated fatally, happened to a boy named **JOHN GRIFFIN**, residing at **CHARLES PARKER'S**, on Campbell's River, about fifteen miles from Bathurst. It appears that on Sunday Parker left home for Bathurst, and shortly after his departure the deceased and **MATTHEW RYAN**, the son of a neighbour, a lad of about the same age as Griffin, were playing together, Ryan having in his hands a fowling piece, which it seems was at the time loaded. The muzzle of the gun must have been pointed towards Griffin, when it accidentally exploded, lodging in the front part of the unfortunate boy's body, on the lower right side, breaking in its course one of the ribs, and penetrating the liver. Information was speedily conveyed to Bathurst, when Dr. **MACHATTIE** promptly attended, and the sufferer was brought into town the same evening. The accident was of too serious a nature to allow of any hopes being entertained of his recovery, and on Wednesday morning he expired, having

previous to his decease made a dying declaration before **G. BUSBY**, Esq., J.P., in which he entirely exonerated the lad Ryan. An inquest was held on his remains by Mr. **JOHN SUTHERLAND**, coroner, on the afternoon of the day on which he expired, and the verdict recorded was – Accidentally killed by a shot from a gun.

Herald Correspondent.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/672, 11/12/1850

BATHURST STORM = 3/12= Dr. **MACHATTIE** in action.

FATAL ACCIDENT, MORETON BAY, ?? **STEVENS**, fell o/board.

SYDNEY NEWS

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

(Abridged from the S.M. Herald)

Friday, December 6.#

(Before Mr. Justice Dickinson)

MANSLAUGHTER. - **CATHERINE SWEENY** was indicted for the manslaughter of her infant child, **MARY SWEENY**, by neglecting to administer proper food and nourishment to it.

The prisoner and her husband resided together in Sydney till some time since, when he went to California; they had then four children; he left his wife in Sydney, having a house of her own to reside in, and the rent of another house (4s. 6d. per week) coming in; she was a trouser maker, and could earn 8s. or 10s. a week, and on one occasion her husband sent her £9 from California; the prisoner had occasionally taken liquor before her husband left; she afterwards gave way to drinking, and latterly became a confirmed drunkard; in March last, after her husband left, prisoner had another child, a boy; he was healthy and strong for four months, and then fell away, and continued to look poorly until his death, in October; during the last few months the prisoner entirely neglected him, leaving him in charge of a little girl; the poor baby was not half clothed, was kept in a very filthy and neglected state, and appeared half starved, taking ravenously any food offered it by kind neighbours; several of the neighbours deposed to their pointing out these things to the prisoner, and remonstrating with her on her treatment of the child. A post mortem examination was made by Dr. **TIERNEY**, who believed the child died from want of nutriment and proper care. Guilty. Three years' imprisonment, with hard labour.

MURDER.

FREDERICK HERMINGDEN was indicted for having, at Colo, on the 19th of October last, murdered one **ANN BECKHAM**, by striking her on the head with a bar of iron.

The prisoner, whose aspect was very wild, did not plead when called upon, and a jury was accordingly empanelled to enquire whether he was of sufficiently sane mind to be placed on trial.

Upon this point, Dr. **O'BRIEN**, the medical officer of Darlinghurst Gaol, and Dr. **DAY**, of Windsor, were examined; both of these gentlemen had, from their observation of the prisoner, arrived at the conclusion that he was insane. Dr. O'Brien, in particular, had taken great pains to arrive at an accurate conclusion upon this point, and had caused the prisoner to be carefully watched at a time when he had no opportunity of knowing that any eye was upon him.

The jury being convinced by this evidence that the prisoner was of unsound mind, gave a verdict to that effect. He was then removed, and will be forwarded to a lunatic asylum.

DEATH FROM THE BITE OF A POISONOUS REPTILE. - On Tuesday last an inquest was held at Gittens's public-house, O'Connell Town, on view of the body of **ELIZABETH RAPLEY**. The husband of the deceased deposed that on Friday last his wife went to gather some wood at Wardell's Bush; the next morning she complained of a sore on the back of her hand, near the wrist, and of a pain thence to her shoulder; the part shortly began to swell. On Sunday it was bathed with marshmallows, when the swelling fell down towards the side and hip; on Monday Dr. **KIRKPATRICK** was called in. When the puncture mark was seen on the wrist on Saturday, she said she thought something must have stung her while gathering wood on the previous day. Mr. **JOSEPH A. KIRKPATRICK**, surgeon, deposed that he was called to see deceased about 8 o'clock on Monday morning; but it was too late to afford any assistance; she was evidently sinking; he could not feel her pulse nor temporal artery, and could barely feel the pulsation of the heart; he was of opinion that death was the result of a bite from some poisonous reptile. Verdict, died from the bite of some venomous reptile. *Herald, Dec. 7*

DEATH FROM INTEMPERANCE. - On Thursday an inquest was held at Mrs. Baker's, the Museum Hotel, William-street, on view of the body of **THOMAS M'DONALD**, aged 30, who had been much addicted to intemperance, and was described by one of the witnesses to have been labouring under "the horrors;" on Sunday he was seen deceased at his residence at Five Dock; he was not then right, but did not appear to be so much affected as he had been a few days previously. On Monday morning he became very violent in his delirium, and while the person with whom he lived was absent in search of assistance, he made his escape from the house. Search was made for him in vain, until Wednesday, when his body was found in the bush at Five Dock, within 150 yards of the water's edge, far advanced in decomposition. The person who found the body had it removed to the place where the jury viewed it. The evidence of Dr. **TIERNEY** having been taken, the jury returned as their verdict - died from the effects of intemperance, accelerated by exposure to cold. *Herald, Dec. 7*

ANOTHER SNAKE BITE. - Delaney, +9 Cook, Windsor Crk.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/673, 14/12/1850

BATHURST FREE PRESS = Mystery disappearance of f 18 step dau William Birch?

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SINGLETON.

CORONER'S INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Saturday last, at the Rose Inn, upon the body of **JOSEPH ENABLES**, whose corpse lay in the bush. From the evidence of Mr. **EDWARD ALCORN**, and **JOHN BROWN**, it appeared that deceased was in the employ of Mr. Alcorn, at *Maison Dieu*, as a shepherd; that on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., the deceased lost his flock of sheep, and remained out all night in search of them. On the following morning his master met him, having been in search of him, when he complained of cramps in his legs and thighs, he having laid out in the bush all night. His master gave him a glass of hot grog to stimulate him, but the deceased got so bad with the cramps in his stomach as to request his master to send him to the hospital. He was accordingly forwarded down on Friday evening, in a cart, which was driven by the witness Brown; and on his way thither, within one hundred yards of the hospital, he spoke to Brown, requesting him to make haste as he thought he was dying. Upon the arrival of the cart at the hospital he was discovered by the matron to be dead. Verdict, died from natural causes.

BENJAMIN COTT. - Long account of his murder.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/674, 18/12/1850

THE INQUEST ON THE BODY OF BENJAMIN COTT. - The inquest on the body of this unfortunate man was resumed on Monday, and continued yesterday, Mr. **TURNER** appearing for the defence. Several additional witnesses have been examined, but we of course refrain from publishing any particulars till the inquest has been concluded. Last evening, at seven o'clock, the inquest was adjourned till between nine and ten o'clock this morning.

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS

ARMIDALE

MAN MISSING, AND SUSPECTED MURDER. - About a week ago an overseer of **MATTHEW MARSH**, Esq., Salisbury, discovered a flock of sheep astray at one of the out-stations, which were in charge of an infirm old man, commonly known by the name of **PADDY LYNCH**. On proceeding to the hut he enquired of the hut-keeper, named **FREW**, about Lynch's absence. Frew stated that Lynch left the place a few days before, and he knew nothing more about him; he also said that Lynch took his dog with him. This account, and something strange in Frew's manner, excited Mr. Marsh's suspicions, and a rigid search was commenced, when, chiefly through the instrumentality of one of the native police accompanying Mr. **MEREWETHER**, Commissioner Crown Lands, who happened to be upon the station at the time, was discovered a heap of bones in the fire place of the hut, which had been so calcined and broken up as to render it almost impossible to determine whether they were those of a human being or not. In several places traces of recent blood were found on the slabs, near to the poor fellow's bed; and on further searching about the ground, the policeman, upon cautiously examining the banks of a water hole a little distance from the hut, discovered a hollow sound in treading upon a particular spot, when, upon turning up the earth, about four feet from the surface was found the body of the dog, which had evidently been killed by the blow of some heavy instrument on the head, the skull being completely smashed in. These circumstances decided Mr. Marsh on immediately securing Frew. On Monday, the 8th, Mr. Commissioner **MASSIE**, accompanied by Dr. **MARKHAM**, proceeded to the spot, for the purpose of further investigation, but we are sorry to say that nothing more has yet been discovered. Frew is detained in custody. He is stated to be a man of very violent temper, and as having had frequent quarrels with the missing man; he is approaching sixty years of age, but is a powerfully built and muscular man. Evident attempts had been made to remove the stains from the slabs, and the handle of the axe found in the hut had been newly scraped. Frew firmly maintains his first statement, but upon each new discovery a nervousness of manner and evident uneasiness were very perceptible. Dr. Markham declines to assert positively that the remains were those of a human subject, in consequence of the smallness of the pieces of bones found (the longest being only about the size of a walnut); but in answer to a question of Frew's, he said he would positively swear that they were *not* the bones of either a bullock or a sheep. It is to be hoped that the mystery will ere long be cleaned up, and that if a foul deed has been perpetrated, the guilty parties may be speedily brought to justice.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH BY DROWNING. - On Friday, the 6th instant, Mr. **RICHARD CLARK**, of Jackwa, was accidentally drowned in a deep water hole in the Yanalan Creek. He had been superintending the sheep washing operations in the water hole during the day, and bathed in the evening, after complaining of having a headache; he invited a son of Dr. **STRANGE** to come into deep water, promising to teach him to learn to swim; the lad did so, but was surprised after a short time to feel

himself let go by Mr. Clark, who sank quickly and without a word or expression of pain; the lad was sinking also, but his cries brought a man to his assistance, and he was saved; Mr. Clark, however, never rose to the surface again, and it was some hours before his body could be recovered. *Abridged from the Herald's Goulburn Correspondent.*

TOOMOUL, BURNETT. SHEPHERD, DIXON, K BY BLACKS?

CONCORD, CATTLE BLACK LEG, FISHWAY AND DICKENS - ??

INQUEST. - An inquest was held on Tuesday last, at the residence of Mr. **M'CUE**, Seven Hills, on the body of **HUGH M'CUE**, a boy of five years old. On Sunday night last the little boy was in his usual health, but early the next morning his mother noticed him to come into the house, get a drink of water, and lie down on the sofa; he told her he was sick; she went out and milked the cows, and on her return found her son faint, and in a great perspiration; he was speechless, nor could she get him to take anything. Mr. M'Cue started off for medical assistance, and obtained an emetic from Dr. **RUTTER**, who attended the boy himself as soon as he was released from another engagement; Dr. Rutter could not succeed in bleeding him; the emetic had been administered, and some black fluid thrown off the stomach. The poor lad died shortly after Dr. Rutter arrived; and Dr. Rutter believed he must have eaten something which disagreed with him, and caused irritation of the bowels, giving rise to convulsions. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence. *Abridged from the Herald's Parramatta Correspondent.*

INQUEST. - An inquest was held at Pitt Town, before Dr. **DOWE**, Coroner, on the body of a man named [**THOMAS**] **AIRRES**, who had committed suicide on Monday last by cutting his throat with a razor. The act was not so perfect as it had evidently been intended, as only a portion of the carotid artery was severed. Dr. Dowe was sent for, but on arrival he found the man dead. The last expression the unfortunate deceased made of, between the time of committing the act and his death was, "May God forgive me for the commission of this rash act." It was clearly proved to the jury that the man had been for some time insane, and they gave a verdict of insanity accordingly. *Herald's Windsor Correspondent.*

DEATH BY LIGHTNING. - On the afternoon of Sunday the 8th instant, a most terrific storm of thunder, lightning, rain, and hail, passed over Goulburn and Bungonia, which made the stoutest heart to quail. Great fears were entertained that some danger would be done by the lightning. Early next morning intelligence was received that a grown up lad of 17 years of age was struck dead. The accident took place at Mary Ann Vale, the property of Mr. **PETERS**, Marulan. It appears that the electric fluid struck and descended the chimney; deceased was standing before the mantle-piece; five brothers and sisters were in the room at the same time, and an old man; they were all rendered speechless for a time, but the old man worst; the house had the appearance of being on fire; the mantle-piece was shivered to pieces. The name of the family is **JEFFREY**, who had just entered on the farm - he is well known in this district as a sawyer.

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/675, 21/12/1850

THE MURDER OF BENJAMIN COTT. Wilful Murder against **WILLIAM HAYES**; ALSO

LETTER about procedure at above proceedings and exclusion of Hayes and Stanton.

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ANOTHER MAN REPORTED TO BE MISSING.

Shawn, Black Creek, last seen in August at Races?

FATAL ACCIDENT. - A little girl about five years of age, daughter of a tenant of Mr. **SMITH**, residing near the White Rock, was drowned yesterday by falling into the river. An elder sister was sent by her mother to the bank of the river to cut reeds, and was accompanied by the deceased. Shortly afterwards the former returned home and told her mother that whilst her sister stood on the bank with her back towards the river, a snake made its appearance, and was proceeding towards her, when stepping backwards to avoid the reptile she fell into the water. The mother immediately ran down to the place, but could see no sign of her child. Alarm being given, a number of men assembled to give assistance, and it was not until after a protracted search that the body was found between two rocks where the water was nine or ten feet deep. An inquest was held over the remains by Captain **SUTHERLAND** on Saturday last, when a verdict in accordance with the above particulars was given. *Bathurst Free Press, Dec. 14*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/676, 25/12/1850

SUDDEN DEATH. - On Saturday afternoon last, a man named **RICHARD BERRYMAN** was employed burning off wheat stubble, on a farm on the Windemere Estate, where he was employed, when the wind freshened, and the fire rolling rapidly along, threatened the wheat stacks and hut of another settler; Berryman, who was lame, exerted himself greatly to stop the fire, and called several times for help; a settler named **THOMAS LONG**, residing on the same estate, heard him, and ran to assist him, and in a few minutes their united exertions beat out the flames near the endangered premises. Berryman almost immediately afterwards laid down on the ground, without saying anything, and on Long's going to him and speaking, Berryman made no reply; Long turned him over, and to his surprise found Berryman was dead, having apparently died without a struggle or a word. An inquest was held on the body on Sunday before Mr. **PARKER**, when a post mortem examination was made by Dr. **M'CARTNEY** and death was found to have been caused by the bursting of a blood vessel within the cavity of the pericardium; alarm or excitement, particularly if accompanied by great muscular exertion, would be likely to cause death in this way, Dr. M'Cartney said. Berryman was a ticket-of-leave holder, about fifty years of age, and of full and plethoric habit. The jury returned a verdict of died by the visitation of God.

SYDNEY

THE WEATHER. - ... On Saturday, from twelve to two o'clock, there was a severe storm; the lightning was most vivid – the thunder terrifically loud – and the rain came down in torrents. One poor man was killed by lightning.

DEATH BY LIGHTNING. - During the violent thunderstorm with which the city was visited on Saturday afternoon the electric fluid struck a house in Barker's-lane, Bathurst-street, tenanted by **WILLIAM WRIGHT**, a painter and glazier by trade. The lightning appears to have descended the chimney, and to have been attracted from the direct line by a toasting fork which was hanging over Wright's head, passing thence to Wright, striking him on the right side of the neck. He was instantly struck down, and, we regret to add, almost immediately expired. Mr. Surgeon **RUTTER** was sent for, and was promptly in attendance, but the case was one entirely beyond the range of human skill. An inquest, we presume, will be held on the body this morning. *Herald, Dec. 23*

DEATH.

Accidentally drowned, whilst bathing in the Booramba Creek, M'Intyre River, on the 29th ultimo, aged 21 years, **NEVILLE BLAND**, fifth son of the late **JOHN**

EASTON, Esq., M.D., of Regent Terrace, Edinburgh, and Courance Hill, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN DROWNED. - We are just informed of a distressing and fatal accident, which occurred about ten days since at Sutton Forest, near Berrima; and not having seen any report previously in the *Herald*, we give the particulars as they have been communicated to us. It appears that two young girls [**ELIZABETH WOODS, CATHERINE WALFORD**], one a fine intelligent girl, a native of the colony, and the other a hapless Irish orphan, who were in the service of Mr. **WALKER**, innkeeper and miller, of Sutton Forest, went out to bathe, accompanied by two of Mr. Walker's daughters, in a large and deep water-hole, within a short distance of the inn. One of these poor servant girls (we could not ascertain which) getting beyond her depth, called out to the other for assistance, who immediately went to the relief of her companion; they struggled in the water for some time, when one of them implored Miss Walker to get them immediate help as they were drowning. Little Miss Walker supposed at first they were only playing, but at length getting alarmed at the girls' repeated cries for assistance, and seeing them go down under the water and rise again, she ran home and called **ORAM**, a man in the service of her father, who happened to be at home at the time, when Oram immediately proceeded to the water-hole, but could not, as we are informed, succeed in rescuing these innocent and hapless girls from their impending fate; they finally sank, and it was not until some time afterwards that their dead bodies were recovered. *Wollongong Correspondent of the Herald.*

MAITLAND MERCURY, 8/677, 28/12/1850

DISAPPEARANCE OF REBECCA COX, Melville, Maitland.

SYDNEY NEWS.

Mrs. **ANGELINA HIGHER HALLETT**, who was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment about six months ago, ..., liberated under the command of his Excellency.

MELANCHOLY BOAT ACCIDENT. - **FIVE LIVES LOST.** - On Sunday afternoon, two sons of Captain **PLUNKETT** (one of them clerk to the crown solicitor), two young men named **PALMER** (one of them a clerk in the treasury), and a person named **MACPHERSON**, a pilot at Wollongong, went out in a sailing boat called the *Madge Wildfire*. They were seen just before dark near Watson's Bay, standing towards the Heads. Nothing was heard of them until Tuesday morning, when the boat was picked up near the North Head by a fisherman. Search was made on the North Shore for any of the unfortunate parties, but we regret to say without avail. It was reported in town on Tuesday evening that they swam ashore in North Harbour, and had been detained for want of a boat, but unfortunately it turned out to be a mistake. Up to a late hour last night no tidings had been received, and there is no reason to doubt that they all met a watery grave by the upsetting of the boat in the squall on Sunday evening. *Herald, Dec. 25*

ACCIDENT AT SHOALHAVEN. - A melancholy accident occurred here on the 8th inst., when a man named **RICHARD HAWLEY**, in the employment of Mr. **BERRY**, was drowned by slipping from a raft, whilst crossing a small creek opposite the house of a man named **JAMES M'GUIRE**. The deceased man, Hawley, arrived by the ship *Haverling*, an exile, and has been for the last twelve months in the service of Mr. Berry, of Shoalhaven. *Freeman's Journal, Dec. 26*

BREADALBANE PLAINS. **THOMAS TIDYMAN**, acc death at Goulburn, tbc

