

# The Lithgow Mercury

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## HOTEL ADVERTISEMENTS.

**COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL, MAIN STREET, LITHGOW, THE LEADING COMMERCIAL HOTEL.**

**JOHN WEST** Having purchased the freehold of this well known and centrally situated hotel, has expended some hundreds of pounds in thoroughly renovating it from floor to ceiling. With the object of making this the leading Commercial Hotel he has erected a spacious SAMPLE ROOM, 36ft x 22ft, fitted with folding doors, Incandescent Light, etc., and it is with confidence he solicits the patronage of Commercial Travellers.



Patrons to Lithgow should not fail to visit the Cosmopolitan, where they will find the most comfortable and pleasant quarters for the night. The rates are moderate and the service is of the highest quality.

## THE IMPERIAL HOTEL.

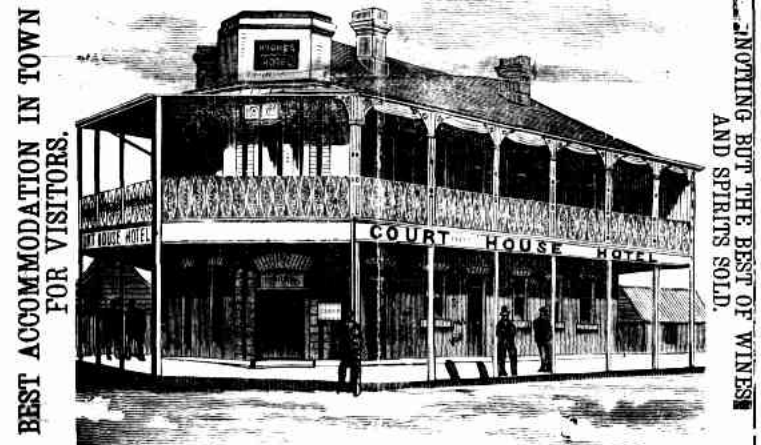
Immediately Opposite Railway Station, Eskbank.

**H. MORTLOCK, Proprietor.**

THE PROPRIETOR, who is by no means a stranger to Lithgow (having been engaged in business as an auctioneer in the "good old days"), takes this opportunity of intimating to his friends—both old and new—that he has acquired the lease of the above well-known Hotel, and will spare no effort to make it one of the most popular houses in the town. The premises have undergone considerable renovation and alteration, and the public will find every essential that goes to make up the accommodation of a First-class Hotel.

THIS PICTURE REPRESENTS the Fine Commodious Hotel now owned and run by our old friend,

**TOM NAYLOR.**



It is situated near Eskbank Station, and is the Best House in Town for Visitors, Mrs. Naylor having acquired a great name for her treatment of them at Oberon.

**Corbett's Great Western Zigzag Brewery.** MADE FROM PURE MOUNTAIN WATER.



**J. A. S. JONES, Proprietor, Eskbank, Lithgow.**

**TATTERSALLS HOTEL,** MAIN STREET, LITHGOW.

**Wm. SMITH, PROPRIETOR.**

THIS Hostelry has acquired, since being taken over by the present proprietor, a reputation second to none for Beers, Spirits, etc., the quality of these being kept at the very highest standard.

**CHAS. CLOUT,**

In thanking the inhabitants of Lithgow for their patronage during the past three years, wishes to intimate that he still continues to dispense the choicest

Wines and Spirits.

This hotel has become famous for the excellence of the table and the superiority of the accommodation. Commercial travellers and visitors to Lithgow will find every convenience and comfort, this hotel ranking amongst the first in the Western district.

Having purchased Tattersall's rights for the ensuing twelve months, all settings of the Hartley District Jockey Club will take place there.

A PORTER WILL MEET ALL TRAINS.

**Royal Hotel, Lithgow.**

**THE VALE HOTEL,** HARTLEY VALE.

**CHAS. BRIGGS**

HAVING taken over the above old established and well known hotel, wishes to notify the public that he is desirous of obtaining their patronage, and for this purpose he has decided to conduct his business on the best lines. None but the best brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, and Stout will be sold over his bar, and the accommodation will be found to be excellent in every respect.

There is also a well appointed BILLIARD ROOM, and lovers of the game may depend upon being well treated.

Don't forget to Patronise "CHARLIE" BRIGGS, who is well known to you all.

**WILLIAM FORBES,** FARRIER & BLACKSMITH.

W. F. wishes to notify his Many Friends that he has Started Business on his own account.

NEXT CLOUT'S ROYAL HOTEL.

and will be pleased to execute all work entrusted with despatch, guaranteeing, at the same time, satisfaction. A Trial Solicited.

## Commercial Stores, WALLERAWANG.

### My First Shipment of SPRING GOODS

Has arrived per S.S. Maggie Wilson, and comprise Prints, Zephyrs, Aurora and Paqueta Cloth. All guaranteed fast colors, and marked at a

**Very Low Price in Plain Figures.**

Also in Stuff Material suitable for the coming season, including the famous

**BROCADE, ECARTE, & SHOT LUSTRE.**

Look for my Grand Display in Windows on Saturday First, 18th Inst.

## THOS. DAVIS

WALLERAWANG.

**Eskbank Cheap Stores.**

CHRISTMAS 1897 & NEW YEAR 1898.

## BEVERIDGE & CO., Limited,

Are Clearing their Summer Stock of Drapery of exceptional value at Still Lower Prices.

All our Zephyrs, Crepons, Muslins, and Dress Goods are being offered at prices that will defy comparison, hence we intend to clear our large stock before removing into our New Premises.

We have bought a large stock of Manufacturers' Sample Parachutes which we mean to sell at Prices to give the Public a share of our good Goods. They run from 1/8, 2/6, 3/11, 4/6, 5/6, then from 8/6 to 10/6 and are Wonderful Value.

THE UNDERCLOTHING DEPARTMENT is replete with a nice new stock and the very latest of everything for Ladies' underwear at MOST REASONABLE PRICES.

IN THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT we are offering all our Ladies' and Children's Sailor Hats and Ladies' Trimmings, Children's Hats and Bonnets, Ladies' Bousers and Costumes, Children's Frocks, ALL AT REDUCED PRICES.

We have a Very Large Stock of MEN'S, YOUTHS', and BOYS' READY MADE CLOTHING, Stylish and Being equal to Tailor made, at VERY LOW PRICES.

IN THE MERCERY DEPARTMENT will be found all the Latest in Shirts, Ties, Bows, Hats, etc., at LOW PRICES.

Of Cloths, Linoleums, Hearth Rugs, Door Mats, Cretonnes, Art Muslin. A large and varied stock to select from at Very Low Prices.

You can save money by buying your Drapery, Clothing, and, in fact, everything you require from us. "The Beehive Drapery Establishment of Lithgow." Also Teas, Groceries, Ironmongery, Crockery, Furniture, Boots and Shoes, all at Lowest Prices. THE MOST COMPLETE STOCK IN THE DISTRICT.

**BEVERIDGE & COMPANY, Limited,** Universal Providers, LITHGOW.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

### R. and M. REID

Are giving to every

Purchaser of 5s worth and upwards

A SPECIALLY SELECTED TEAPOT

For ONE WEEK ONLY commencing from Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR Goods in endless variety.

**Mrs. BENNETT'S** IS THE

Best & Cheapest House FOR

**BOOTS & SHOES**

Ladies' and Children's Boots and Shoes a speciality. Call and inspect the stock. You will be astonished at the quality, style, and finish to be obtained at such

**LOW PRICES.**

AT W. BARLOW'S, NEAR PALACE EMPORIUM, Main Street, Lithgow.

## FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

### HENRY H. GODWIN

My Xmas and New Year Cards are Pretty, Cheap and New.

Gents' Silver Keyless Watches only 2/6 6d, guaranteed for 2 years.

**DON'T FORGET** I am now selling New Music at 1/9d a copy, Sydney price 2s. Czerny's 101 Exercises complete 1/6d. Compare this price with what you have paid before.

I have the Largest, Cheapest, and Best Stock of Gold Brooches in the Town.

Toys in endless variety. Jewel Cases, Fans, Glove Boxes, Concertinas, Accordeons, Violin strings, Mouth Organs, AND THE

Best Brands of Pipes, Cigars, & Tobacco always in stock.

### H. J. GRIPPER,

HAVING HAD YARDS FOR HORSES, CATTLE, PIGS, AND POULTRY PENS

Erected at the rear of CLOUT'S ROYAL HOTEL,

Will hold an AUCTION SALE AT THOSE YARDS EVERY TUESDAY.

Farmer, send in your Produce.

### SMITHFIELD BUTCHERY AND BAKERY,

LITHGOW AND BOWENFELS.

Town and Country Orders Promptly Attended to.

Prime Small Goods always on hand.

### T. SUTTON PROPRIETOR.

### WILLIAMS and MCGALL

**Excelsior Bakery,** Main-street, Lithgow,

HAVE ALTERED THE PRICE OF BREAD

Biscuits and Confectionery of Every Kind.

All Orders for Catering, &c., well and promptly executed.

### Mrs. DR. LLOYD'S

Safe and Unfailing Preventives and Remedies for Women.

Avoid Worry, Suffering, Anxiety, and a Hopeless Condition.

**CAUTION.** Imitation is the sincerest flattery, but Women should BEWARE of USELESS Imitations, and RELY on SAFETY and CERTAINTY, the result of close research and LONG PRACTICE by one of their own sex, who gives her sole attention to this SPECIALTY. Mrs. DR. LLOYD has a professional and practical experience of nearly twenty years, but does not pretend (as do so many) TO WORK MIRACLES. Truly, the important. Send 2s (stamp) and stamped envelope for particulars to

### MRS. DR. LLOYD,

(Widow of the late Dr. G. R. LLOYD, M.B.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., &c.) 18 years' experience in Menstrual, Uterine, and other Female Irregularities, &c.

**ALLISON-STREET, RANDWICK, SYDNEY.**

**A MARVELLOUS PAIN-SOOTHER,** Mrs. Dr. Lloyd's "FEMININE," Rendering Labour Almost PAINLESS.

Mrs. DR. LLOYD'S Remarkable "MONOXYZ FILET," a Specialty for Ladies. Price, 1/6d.

MRS. DR. LLOYD'S NURSING HOME FOR LADIES—who desire Home Comfort and careful Attention whilst under treatment by any duly qualified Medical Practitioner in Sydney.

All Communications Strictly Confidential. ALL LETTERS ARE ANSWERED IMMEDIATELY AND FREE OF CHARGE.

## Multum In Parvo

According to the most reliable statistics extant, want of sleep will kill a man in five minutes, want of sleep in ten days, and want of water in a week.

The pay of a Russian army officer is very small. A full general gets from £300 to £400 a year. In England the figure is three or four times this amount.

Owing to the strike of engineers in England the Russian Government has given orders to American firms for 200 engines for the Siberian railway. It has been a very dear strike to British industry generally.

The Indian famine fund, which was started in January last, and reached over half a million sterling, is now closed. The Secretary of State for India regards the prospects of the autumn harvest as so favorable as to justify this course.

With a population of a little over four millions, Australia buys books equal to an average population of ten millions. Here, as elsewhere, fiction takes first place, and the Australian girl, it is said, reads very little except fiction.

We are promised a revolution in matches. There is a prospect of the wooden match industry being appreciably affected by a new invention for manufacturing matches of paper, as the best wood for this purpose is constantly growing scarcer and more costly. The new matches are considerably cheaper than the wooden product, and weigh much less, which counts for much in exportation.

According to Sir Wm White, director of British naval construction, a battleship fully equipped costs a million, a first class cruiser £450,000, a second class about £250,000, and a third class about £130,000. A destroyer of the latest type represents something like £60,000. All these figures are exclusive of armament. Sir William puts the value of the British fleet to-day at the enormous total of sixty-one millions.

It seems that a French officer, Colonel Humbert, has hit on a plan of rendering artillery not only smokeless but noiseless. There is no doubt that when the time comes what the death-shower comes. There is something very appalling about the idea of a battle fought in grim silence, and it is really to be hoped that something will prevent this new gun from going off anywhere else but in Colonel Humbert's back garden.

Though the debts of the great towns and cities of England would not double the National Debt, they are very considerable. London alone owes £20,000,000, or £3 6s 8d for every inhabitant, and the debts of 304 municipalities in England, representing a population of eleven millions, reach nearly £60,000,000 sterling, or over £5 per head. Besides this, every man, woman, and child in the kingdom is responsible for £16—if the National Debt is to be equally divided.

More than 500,000 sewing machines are made in America annually, which is 90 per cent. of the production of the world. Nearly 100,000 persons in one way and another make their living in America out of the sewing machines. In 1861, the first machine for sewing on soles was put into operation, and a royalty of two cents on shoes exacted. By the aid of machines, 350,000,000 pairs of shoes had been made up to 1877 in the United States, and probably an equal or greater amount in Europe.

Under the New Zealand act for blocking strikers there is a conciliation board for each district, composed of delegates representing both workers and employers, with an independent chairman. There is also a general conciliation (or rather arbitration) court, composed of one member nominated by the amalgamated trades unions, one by an organization of the employers, and a Judge of the Supreme Court. An appeal lies from the district boards to the general court, which can make its award as a recommendation, or as a compulsory order, and can inflict a penalty on either side not exceeding £500.

In the United States the editor of the *Arena*, in voicing the cry of the poor, says:—"When the venerable Lafayette was in Boston in 1825, he made a speech from the balcony of an old house, still standing at the corner of Park and Beacon streets. Looking over the well-ordered multitude of free men who blocked all the open spaces, the honored guest said, 'Where are your poor?' . . . The poor are not here. They are not anywhere in America! They are in Europe." Down to the middle of this century the condition of equality, of common happiness, of free industrial pursuits, of fairly equal distribution of wealth, with plethora for none and poverty for none, still prevailed in our country. . . . As late as the outbreak of the Civil War the cry of the poor was nowhere to be heard." Only after the Civil War, the editor points out, did poverty begin its advance. The money sharks, he says, diverted to their gain the processes of national recovery, and the United States are now a people of "inchoate paupers."

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