

Local & General

Butter dropped 1d per lb yesterday.

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Dr. Page delivers his policy speech on behalf of the Country Party at Grafton on October 23.

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Last Friday morning there was a withering frost that nipped all young vegetation and did a vast amount of damage to fruit.

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Mr. Pickard, the new assistant at the Tumut Post Office, was presented with a pipe and tobacco pouch by members of the Gundagai P.O. staff prior to leaving for Tumut.

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The sale of Mr. R. H. Dixon's household furniture and effects will take place at his residence, Capperstreet, Tumut, on Saturday next at 3 o'clock. Messrs S. F. Wilkinson and Co are the auctioneers.

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Eggs for the Tumut Hospital will be gratefully accepted from donors by the treasurer (Mr. T. E. Wilkinson) or the secretary (Mr. C. A. Wright).

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Mr. F. W. Tweedie yesterday received an urgent telegram announcing the death of a younger brother, Mr. R. C. Tweedie, editor-proprietor of the "Hornsby Star," which sad event occurred suddenly at Hornsby on Sunday last.

Lizzie O'Brien, the gale-breaker of Long Bay Penitentiary, was recaptured on Friday afternoon in a house in Lower Campbell-st., Sydney. She was in a corner when

house in Lower Campbell-st., Sydney. Crouched in a corner when Detectives Matthews and Wilson broke in the door, she put up a fight with a razor, which she took from the folds of her dress, and slashed it about. Both detectives leapt at her. Matthews pinioned her arms, while Wilson attempted to grasp the razor. She was moving the sharp instrument about in an attempt to employ it, and the blade nicked a small piece out of the middle finger of Wilson's right hand. He caught the handle of the razor, however, and Lizzie's struggling soon ended.

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Referring to a paragraph in the "Evening News," in which mention was made of the unpopularity of cockatoos with farmers, "Orion" writes:—"It is when the maize crops are ripening that they are attacked by cockatoos. If no danger threatens, they silently settle down among the crop. With their powerful beaks, they strip the husk off a cob, eating the soft part of the grain. As is well known, one bird always remains on sentry. There seems to be some sort of organisation among them in this respect, for as soon as the sentry gets tired, he utters a certain level-voiced sound, and another bird immediately flies up and relieves him."

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COOMA.—Three years ago when the police were searching for Alexander Harast a Russian, on a charge of breaking and entering and stealing, Harast fired his gun, and the bullet went over Sergt. Roberts' head. Later Harast was convicted in Victoria for housebreaking, and sentenced to three years. Upon his liberation he was brought to Cooma and charged with intent. He appeared at the Cooma Quarter Ses-

peared at the Cooma Quarter Sessions on Tuesday, Oct. 9, and was convicted of common assault. Judge Hamilton sentenced him to two years' gaol. Accused has been 10 years in Australia, out of which he has been in gaol for seven years on charges of housebreaking and robbery under arms.