

DISTRICT NEWS.

ROEBOURNE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ROEBOURNE, April 24.

THE PILBARRA GOLDFIELDS.

The latest news from Pilbarra is not very encouraging. A few are doing well, but the majority are no. even getting sufficient gold to pay for food. Water is being sold at 4d. a gallon. Broken Reef seems to be the centre of gold finding at present, but even there very little has lately been found. A great many are clearing away for the Oakover, some even tramping it. The warden is at present in town; he is suffering from a sun-stroke and looks anything but well. A good number of diggers have returned disappointed, and are returning south by *Flinders* and *Otway*.

A FIRE.

A fire broke out in Mr. Coffen's dwelling-house on the 25th of last month. Mr. Coffen was at the time, away exercising his race-horses, and Mrs. Coffen was also absent. The fire was first seen by Mrs. Kennedy, who lives across the road, and she hurried over with water, and found the smoke coming from under the floor. She then gave the alarm, but before help could be procured the flames had obtained a good hold, and within half an hour the place was burnt to the ground. An enquiry was held by the coroner a few days afterwards. The jury returned a verdict of "fire by causes unknown." The house is supposed to be insured for £600.

A MARRIAGE.

A marriage took place on Wednesday, the 27th March, between Mr. Sydney Hyde, manager of the Roebourne branch of the N.W. Mercantile Company, and Miss Belle

manager of the N.W. Mercantile Company, and Miss Bella Osborn, sister of Mr. Henry Osborn, our local builder and carpenter. Mr. B. Burnside acted as best man, and Miss Cavanagh as bridesmaid. The marriage took place in Trinity Church. The Rev. F. Phillips officiated.

THE ROXBORNE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

gave their first performance before the public on Thursday and Saturday, the 4th and 6th inst., to very fair houses. The performance opened with the well-known farce *Cut off with a Shilling*. Mr. Swete took the part of Colonel Berners, Mr. Norris, Sam Gaythorn, and Miss Annie Burnside, Mrs. Gaythorn. The farce was followed by Halliday's 2 Act Comedy *Checkmate*. Mr. Norris appeared as Sir Everton Coffee, Mr. B. H. Angelo as Sam Winkle his groom, Mr. Swete as Henry the waiter, and Master Charles Angelo as Checks the page boy. The ladies' parts were taken as follows:—Miss Charlotte Russ, Miss Emily Angelo; Martha Bunn, Miss Angelo; Mary Ann, Miss Nellie Loose; and Polly Jane, Miss Annie Burnside. The scenery was painted by Colonel Angelo who also spoke a prologue before the rise of the curtain.

A NEW LAWYER.

Mr. Dalry has started business and supplied a greatly felt want. Complaints have frequently been made from persons having no one to defend them, the other party having already retained the one lawyer.

THE VICTORIA ARMS HOTEL

has lately changed hands, the popular host, Mr. Jack Johnson, having retired leaving Mr. John Spencer in his place.

HEALTH.

The hospital is full of men, mostly diggers. Typhoid fever is very prevalent, two men having died within the last week.

The weather is still warm.

