

# The Moonta Herald

AND

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We present our first number to our readers, feeling satisfied that anything calculated to promote harmony and good feeling amongst our comrades will be received with general pleasure and satisfaction.

The editorial literature of the present day is not of such a high order as to render any apology necessary for our own deficiencies and as our object is to combine amusement instruction and intellectual enjoyment. we would only request our readers to bear gently with our sarcasm, read and profit by our moral articles, and give that due attention to our mild reproofs, which the high authority from which they emanate deserves.

We shall be happy to receive contributions, trusting that they will not be extended to too great a length, as our space is limited and be confined to subjects likely to prove of general interest to the community

We shall also reserve a portion of each issue for advertisements.

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## Sea Sickness.

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The events of the last week have caused our meditations to be directed to that disagreeable complaint known amongst the French as "mal de mer", and we now hasten to give our readers the benefit of our observations and experience.

How pleasant it is to be on board a vessel on the first day of sailing; every heart light every face smiling, jokes and fun are the order of the day.

but alas! in a few short hours  
 how changed is the spirit of the  
 dream; - light hearts become  
 downcast, smiling faces, sad;  
 and a universal gloom takes  
 the place of fun and jollity

We have studied carefully  
 the diagnosis of this disease and  
 have come to the conclusion that  
 it exhibits itself in three phases

Phase 1<sup>st</sup> The weaker victims  
 show symptoms of paleness about  
 the gills, keep carefully near the  
 lee-side of the ship and seem  
 to have a strong disinclination  
 to go below. These symptoms are  
 much aggravated by the unkind  
 remarks of their heartless but  
 stronger companions.

Phase 2<sup>nd</sup> The first victims  
 may now be seen admiring  
 the beauties of the great deep  
 over the side of the vessel, and  
 emulating the heaving of the  
 Mighty Ocean. Others may be  
 seen striding up and down  
 the deck, occasionally  
 venturing on a dismal pun  
 and striving to look as if they  
 scorned the weakness of  
 sickness; - but their looks betray  
 them and they gradually

shrink to some quiet spot  
 to give vent to their overpowering  
 feelings.

Phase 3<sup>rd</sup> even the strongest  
 are brought low – Dinner no  
 longer has any attraction.  
 The worst possible jokes fail to bring  
 a smile to their cast down  
 visages – they chaff no longer, -  
 nature succumbs, - many retire  
 to their bunks, - the locality of  
 others may be guessed at by  
 the appearance of a bundle  
 of blankets surmounted by a  
 cap. This state of affairs lasts  
 until the patients are convalescent.

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Latest Intelligence  
 (per Aquamarine Telegraph)

Adelaide 28<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>.  
 Immense concourse of people on  
 Glenelg. Duck hunt great success –  
 large number of ducks on the jetty:  
 and beach.

Adelaide 29<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>.  
 M<sup>rs</sup> Jones is dead!!

Adelaide 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>.  
 John Bond Phipson has been fined  
 Five shillings for drunkenness.

Adelaide 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>.  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup>. J Barker is to ask the Chief Sec<sup>ty</sup>  
 “if he is sure that the Northern Territory  
 men had neither pudding or grog  
 on Christmas day, if not why not” the  
 Ministry is expected to resign on the question.

Adelaide 1<sup>st</sup> Jany  
 R.C. Barker has expressed his disapproval  
 of the arrangements for the survey of the  
 Northern Territory – General Panic  
 amongst the land Order holders in  
 consequence.

Copper(s) Hot  
 Champagne. Fizzing.

Births.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> December at her residence  
Fore Castle, "Moonta", Nanny of twins  
all doing well

## Deaths.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> December in the Hold  
Ship "Moonta" Strawberry Bullock  
Roaney  
Highly esteemed for his many good  
qualities.

## Mercantile Report

## Wines and Spirits

We are glad to note that after the  
recent depression there is a  
decided rise in spirits, which,  
there is every probability will be  
maintained ~

Whisky – none,

Brandy . Demand limited

We believe there are a few small  
parcels in private hands.

Rum. There has been a spirited  
demand during the last week,  
but notwithstanding the large  
stocks on hand, holders do not  
seem inclined to part with any.

Flour. liberal supplies have reached  
us during the last few days. –

Market appears to be well stocked.

Tobacco The market is well  
supplied – Several rumours have  
been current during the last  
week respecting the supply of

this article but they have all ended in  
smoke.

Tallow Greasy

Wool Curly

Sheepskins Odoriferous

Hay Superabundant

The market inconveniently  
crowded.

## Correspondence

This column is open for free  
discussion provided it is conducted  
with courtesy and good temper.

We do not necessarily endorse  
the opinions of our correspondents.  
Nor do we hold ourselves  
responsible for the consequences  
legal or otherwise of expressing  
them

## To The Editor "Moonta Herald"

Sir

I was much pleased to hear  
of your intention to start a newspaper,  
and hope you will pardon one for  
suggesting that it would be very  
interesting to us forward if you  
could give us every week some  
information  
as to the Latitude and Longitude  
Ship's course and other things that  
we have no other means of learning.

Yours &c

Fore Hatch

We are obliged for our correspondents  
suggestion; it is our intention to meet  
his wishes as far as possible

Ed. M.H.

An old victim of Northern Territory enterprise advises his friends to make preparations for the mosquitoes before landing, assuring them as a fact that 'they have been known to get on a log and bark', and a great many of them weigh a pound.

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We are told on good authority that several Cadets were seen aft of the mizen mast with quart pots and other nautical instruments trying to take the sun's Altitude at three o'clock P.M. We have every reason to believe that none of them were successful

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Several enterprising young men have been fishing for the last three days for a bird they called an Albatross, but being unable to catch it they decided it was a "gull".

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#### Memoranda of Ships Course

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Noon      Point of departure  
 Cape Borda bore E.N.E 13 Miles  
 Latitude 35° . 45' S. Longitude  
 136° . 21' E.  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Course 6¾ West 184 miles

Lat 36° . 29' S. Long 132° . 41' E.  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Course S 85° W 122 miles  
 Lat 36° . 40' S. Long 130° . 6' E  
 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Course S 75° W  
 107 miles Latitude 37° . 7' s.  
 Long 127° . 54' E  
 Friday Course N. 82° W. Latitude  
 36° . 37' S. Longitude 126° . 20' Distance  
 82 miles.

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New Years Day on board the "Moonta"

On this day so celebrated during long ages for its sports and pastimes fitting commencement of a new year, our fancy carries us back to those we have so recently left. We can picture them to ourselves enjoying themselves to their hearts content at races, picnics, and regattas ever and anon perhaps casting a thought on those five hundred miles away; and probably wondering what our Occupations are on this festive day. Shipboard is not the place calculated for enjoyments of any special nature; Amusements are few and far between. difficult to provide and still more difficult to carry out. – Today the uneasy motion of the vessel somewhat reviving the last lingering traces

of seasickness, has not cooked such a frame of mind as would lead us to seek for any extraneous pleasures. The amusements consisted principally of playing Quoits on the after deck. We noticed several games played with an energy and skill that denoted a high degree of efficiency in this scientific and intellectual game. Some gentlemen amused themselves with firing at the Gulls. Jo Peel knocked several over in such a style as would render him a formidable opponent to the Hamley Gun Club. The other Gentlemen, we believe were not successful in bagging any game but they frightened some birds awfully. This concludes the list of our New Years Day sports; unless we notice the unsuccessful attempts of several who were piscatorially inclined whose perseverance deserved a better fate.

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#### Lost and Found

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Lost a metal Tea Spoon  
R.W. Barrow

#### Lost and Found

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- Lost a Pocket Knife with three  
Blades one of them broken;  
bone handle  
D.D. Daly
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- Lost A Tall Yankee Hat with  
blue veil H inside lining,  
also Towel, Comb, and Metallic  
Brush.  
T.S. Horn
- 
- Lost One Pair Red Slippers also  
One Silver Plated Fork.  
C. Musgrave.
- 
- Lost a Miniature Pearl Handled  
Knife containing Toothpick  
Cigar holder and small blade  
T. Cherry
- 
- Lost A plated Table Spoon  
branded F.W.H. on handle  
Also a dinner knife with to  
long strokes on handle  
T.N. Hood
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- Lost A Flannel Shirt  
Edward Ryan.
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- Lost A Plaid Rug  
James Aldridge
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- Lost A Spring Top Inkstand  
A.T. Woods.
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Lost and Found

Lost a Gold Ring

Jno. Nottage.

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Lost A Felt Hat

B. Wells

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Found A Housewife Blue Silk  
also a receipt Bill S Mayfield  
and son.

W. Fisher.

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Found A Tall Yankee Hat

T.S. Horn.

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Wanted

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A.Cure for Sea-sickness apply  
to -

J.N. O Bennett  
Lea side.

Wanted to purchase a footing  
by a man who lost his in the  
recent squall

N. F.----r

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Business Notices

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Dr Peel

May be consulted daily at  
the Dispensary Tilburn Place  
at 9 a.m.

Advice Gratis.

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W.W.Hoare

Dispensing Chemist

Begs to inform the inhabitants  
of Moonta that he has taken

a lease of the commodious premises  
recently erected at the corner of  
Tilburn Place.

which he intends opening for  
the sale of medicines of every  
description

W.W.H.

having had the premises fitted  
unregardless of cost, and  
stocked with the choicest articles  
obtainable, respectfully solicits  
the patronage of his friends

Note the address!!  
Corner of Tilburn Place.

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H.C. McCallum

No 2 Port Road

General Storekeeper.

Having laid in a large and  
well assorted stock, solicits  
the patronage of his friends  
and the public in general and  
assures those favoring him with  
their custom will receive [sic] the  
utmost civility and attention.

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Cheap Photographs  
only to be obtained of  
Joseph Brooks.

No 1 Chipps Street, Moonta.

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