

### BENDIGO AND DISTRICT.

Mr. William Beebe, architect, has been elected unopposed to fill the vacancy in the Bendigo City Council caused by the retirement of Mr. J. P. Carolin.

On a charge of trading on Sunday, March 2, M. West, confectioner, was fined 20 by the City Bench. For cutting a street tree at Back Creek an elderly woman named Anne Kilpatrick was fined 10. She said the tree was damaging her property. She was also ordered to pay 25 damages.

The Acting Premier (Mr. Murray) will be asked to receive a deputation of representatives from the country centres on the question of decentralisation, and particularly with reference to anomalies in railway freights.

The directors of the Virginia Company had a lengthy meeting on Monday, when the refusal of Mr. T. M. Jude, president of the Federated Mining Employees' Association, to leave the lease was discussed.