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constituency will not hesitate to n the gentleman whom they have ed to represent them. We do not t they will redeem their pledges. ould however be an ill compliment low for want of exertion, an in- r man like Mr Longmore to boast aving seduced even a respectable ber of them to recognise his pre- ions as of any value either to selves or to the country.

News and Notes.

the advertisement of the subscrip- s to the Hospital, inserted in our erday's issue, the subscription of Great Republic Company was, by pographical error, made to be £100 ead of £10.

Mr Service, when returning to Mel- rne on Saturday last, narrowly ped a rather severe accident. en going down the Black Hill, ut four miles from Bacchus Marsh, break of the coach gave way, the lers bolted, and the coach was sized when going at the rate of or twelve miles an hour, throwing fourteen of the passengers, Mr vice among the number. Fortu- ly none were seriously hurt, ough a good many were scratched bruised. The coach was dragged pieces, the horses running away the fore-wheels and the part ched to them, and the hinder part g overturned and smashed to es. Another coach was got from chus Marsh, but owing to the y darkness came on shortly after- ds, the coachman lost his way, the passengers did not arrive in bourne till half-past 11 on Satur- night.

On Wednesday evening Mr Harker, is in the field for the representa- of Maldon, addressed a body of electors at the Five Flags Hotel, apbell's Creek, and after defending acts of the Ministry, and ex- nding his political views, a motion arried to the effect that he was a fit and proper person to repre- t the constituency.

By the returns from Maryborough learn that Mr Prendergast is first, Ireland second, and Mr Levi third, latter being, by the returns from vstead and Baringhup, placed 16

selves for their loss by passing the forged notes on the outside of their counters as a warning to others.

Bye Law No. 23 of the Eastern Municipal Council for imposing a rate of one shilling in the pound on the rateable property in the municipality during the current year appears in the *Gazette* of Tuesday last.

The following rules for the regula- tion of the Botanical Gardens appear in the *Gazette* of Tuesday, being em- bodied in bye law No. 21 of the Western Municipality:—

1. The gardens shall be open from sunrise to sunset on each day of the week.
2. That no person shall pluck any of the flowers or walk on the borders, or get over the fences, or remove any of the tallies, or disturb or destroy any property in the gardens.
3. That no person will be allowed to carry fire-arms through the gardens, or shoot, snare, or destroy any wild fowl either in the gardens or in the swamp fronting the gardens, or bathe within the said swamp.
4. That no drays will be allowed to pass through the grounds, or any vehicle that may be in use for the conveyance of goods, &c.
5. That such plants, seeds, or cuttings as are purchasable at any nursery on Ballarat, Melbourne, or Geelong, cannot be supplied from the garden unless in exchange, or for public institutions, or for benevolent purposes.
6. That no visitors be allowed to interrupt the gardeners or laborers by conversation or otherwise.
7. That no children under the age of ten years will be allowed in the gardens except under the control of guardians.
8. That all dogs found within the gardens will be destroyed and the owner or owners held responsible for all damage done.

Any person or persons offending against the provisions of this bye law shall, upon conviction before two or more justices of the peace, pay a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

The addition of a substantial build- ing to the all but universally prevalent wooden erections in the Eastern Mu- nicipality, is so rare an occurrence as yet, that we the more readily chronicle the erection of a new two-storied hotel in the Melbourne Road. The house is known as Mack's Hotel, is of brick, with slate roof, and sightly balcony. Mr Caselli being the archi- tect. Now this thoroughfare is planted, and will some time become a pleasant copy of a Parisian boulevard, we may look to see residences of a durable nature gradually rising there, to add to the attractiveness of the Melbourne entrance to our growing city.

The *Melbourne Herald* Mail men

before, and the house was attended.

Mining.

There has been no prog- as yet in the matter of co- between the remaining lease- leaser disputants at Brow- anti-leasers refuse the offe- the lessees and recommend Judge of the Court of Mi- the affairs rest for the pre- lately rival litigants, Buchan- and Gordon and party, at- have a ball at the North Br- to celebrate the proclamatio- between them.

The feeling between the- the litigant company at Car- Mr Johnson, the furnisher appear to have come to a ve- state yet. Having obtained of some of the men who as- last week as we reported, he subjected to similar treat- days ago, being stoned a- down the creek by the m- This does no credit to the- act thus, when they have- remedy for any real wrong exist.

Mr Surveyor Cowan is- the preparation of a map a- of his district, similar to th- made by Mr Surveyor Dav- map will be on a scale of 2- the mile, and will show th- the workings in the older- Ballarat proper.

The *Ararat Advertiser* in a leading article, den- newly projected "Campa- Mining Company" as on- dently grounded on basele- that the chance of its provi- failure is very great," follows to contrast with- companies mentioned in th- quotation:—

About a page of each of o- contemporaries is now engaged- tisements of Mining Compani- people are beginning to think- to be made out of the mines aft- imagine that the experiment will- tried. There are many of these- which really promise well, parti- old ground (like Peg-leg Gully- to be re-worked. This place, a- yielded great riches to the tu- men first, and to the puddlers- probably yield as much y-

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era in motion. Several
it arrived at the ark. The
isters meanwhile singing
After the latter had con-
sion walked round the
imes, during which ap-
were chanted by the
At the conclusion of
hoir sang the following
l that my glory may sing
not be silent. O Eternal!
thanks unto thee for ever-
the procession moved
r, where the officiating
the curtain before the ark,
sters and officers placed
in the sacred place. After
d to their seats, the reader
same time concluding
of the 24th psalm.
in drawn across the ark
ith becoming solemnity.
was the lighting of the
his was effected by the
om the hand of a young
per, with which he lit the
in an appropriate and im-
ceremonies being so far
I. M. Goldreich desired
ing duty to all, and this
essing accorded the proces-
synagogue, viz, "Blessed
the name of the Eternal;
e house of the Eternal."
gates with thanksgiving,
praise." "Come, let us
wn; let us bend the knee
our Maker." "Worship
ness; come into His pre-
ong." He said **L** the
be he who cometh in the
was a common greeting
l, and corresponded with
ng "How do you do?"
welcome to the ex-
who worked so hard to
happy termination, and
rded this welcome to the
He rendered the greeting
ers of the congregation,
as sisters. The Jewish
e time of the building of
the wilderness, done their
the places of worship.
th wisdom, had adorned
ions of art. They were
Israel," and he was proud
ongst the community in
denominations had, no
practice of beautifying
of worship, to the honor
the Jewish nation. He
ame of the Eternal for
His praise. He would
the non Jewish element
th "Blessed be he who
of the Eternal;" who
action in assisting the
of the synagogue, their
struggles of that com-
were Jew assisting the
e assisting the Jew, all
they were the children

N.B.—Mr J. Gregory being also a member
of executive committee his name was inad-
vertently attached, he being absent from said
meeting.

MAYOR WILSON'S SCHEME RE LAND TAX AND MAIN ROAD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.

SIR,—Will you allow me to say that the
reason why the municipal conference closed
with the Major's plan of having the land tax
divided among the shires as some sort of a
substitute for tolls, was simply that it was
understood that it was to be in addition to the
usual subsidy. So soon as a query on that
point was answered to the effect that this
was what was intended the meeting closed
at once with the proposition, but did not
unanimously agree to it as per your report.
On the other hand, some of us were then, and
are still, of opinion, that it is to the last degree
absurd, and in two ways. 1st. That it is
ridiculous to expect that the State will give us
both land tax and subsidy, and is not for a
moment to be dreamt of. 2nd. That it is
hardly likely that the land-taxpayers of, say
Glenside, will sit down and submit quietly to
any plan by which their money would be taken
away and spent on a shire like, say Creswick,
where not a penny of land tax is comeatable.
Let Mayor Wilson and those supporting him
put themselves in the place of such taxpayers,
and say would they like it or submit to it so
long as they had a kick in them. I trow not.
They need not trouble themselves; it won't be
done.—Yours, &c. ONE WHO WAS THERE.

POLLUTION OF LAKE WENDOUREE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.

SIR,—Strolling round the lake the other
evening, I observed with some surprise and
disgust that the claim situated on the border
of the lake, and adjoining the show-yards, was
baling or pumping into the lake. The slimy
sediment is being deposited over a considerable
area, and if this is not soon stopped this corner
of our pleasant place of recreation will shortly
be a most unsightly spectacle.—Yours, &c. W.

LAL LAL LIGNITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.

SIR,—It would be interesting to know what
influence has been brought to bear on the
several governments to cause them to extend
such favours to the Victorian Lignite Com-
pany. This fuel has been proved over and
over again to be of no value as a steam
generator in locomotives, yet the late govern-
ment gave patronage to it; and at the present
time they are paying 4d per pound, at least so
I am informed for this ground lignite as a dis-
infectant or deodoriser. Has this compound
been analysed by any competent authority? Is
it what it is claimed to be by the patentee? If
so it were well that it were generally known,
or is it as I heard from some government
officials, a humbug? If it is of use, well; if
not, it is a fraud. Let me recommend this to
the attention of Mr Bent, as I hear it is much
used by the Railway Department.—Yours, &c.,
Lal Lal, 15th September. QUERIST.

whole of the thoroughbred entires
passed through without much compe-
but private offers are sure to be ob-
for some of them. For high-priced
mares the demand was slack, the owners
ing a higher figure than the intending
chasers would give, the latter being only
ling to give about £40 for stock for which
was required. Useful mares and w-
geldings sold pretty well at from about £
£45. Working horses to go into carting
the mines and from the forests, and for
tractors on the public works at Colac and
places were in good demand. The
were not up to expectation, except
a few instances, where the quality
good. We may here remark,
we have often said before, that there
proper attention paid to the breeding of
in this country. With the splendid cl-
conditions we possess our saddle horses
to be immeasurably better than they are.
alone for the wants of the colony is the
provement required, but it is also requir-
trade. Were there at this time 500 high
horses fit for the Indian market the
O'Farrell could dispose of them at our
most satisfactory prices, the quality of
horses being the primary consideration
and the price only a secondary matter.
The trade with India was never
than it is at present. A fancy pony, N-
gelding, realised £30, and a pony from
was sold at £15, but there was not much
mand for this class of stock. Outside
catalogue a good deal of business was done
consignments from many parts of the colony.
It is specially worthy of remark that b-
are becoming very discriminating, and we
cannot realise the prices they have been ac-
tomed to expect. Great attention will
to be paid to the matter of bringing su-
stock to market. The sale commenced
o'clock, and was concluded by about half
5 in the evening. The usual cattle and
sales were conducted, but there was no
in them calling for special notice.

The birque Onco, which destroyed
Swan-pit lighthouse, was the vessel engaged
twenty years ago in laying the Tasmanian
cable.

Sales by Auction.

THIS DAY.

R. TURNERIDGE and Co.—At the Presbyterian
sonage, Windermere, at noon, furniture
effects.

Trade Auctions.

TUESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER,
At the Corporation Yards.

MACLEOD and KELLY, instructed by
Chirnside, Esq., of Carranballac, will OFFER
for SALE, as above,
600 PRIME FAT CROSSBREDS.

SALE BY AUCTION

OF

A SIX ROOM BRICK HOUSE,

Verandah front and back.

No. 165 Mair street, near Raglan street, with F-
HOLD 20 perches, 40 feet by 132 feet, opposite
Central Bowling Green.

WAMES ODDIE and Co. Auctioneers.

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Robert Baird's paddock in the Downing Forest Estate, and there were a fair number of farmers and others present. The two machines did some good work, but the judges, Messrs James Troup, George Newall, and Thomas Quinlivan, decided in favor of the Ferrier's patent, considering that the binding of the sheaves was better done. The judges, competitors, and visitors afterwards partook of luncheon at Hocking's Mount Blowhard hotel. A report of the proceedings appears elsewhere.

A pleasing event took place last evening at Lester's hotel, when Mr C. Cruickshank, manager of Ercildoune, was presented with a diamond set by some gentlemen with whom he has had business relations. The presentation was made by Mr Lester, jun., on behalf of the subscribers, who referred to the gentlemanly conduct and courteous bearing which characterised Mr Cruickshank's career at Ercildoune. A suitable reply was made, and the usual complimentary toasts followed.

The annual picnic given by Mr and Mrs T. Bath, of Ceres, Learmonth, to the children in the neighborhood, took place yesterday. The weather was most delightful for out-door amusements, and over 100 youngsters took advantage of the kindness of their entertainers. Mr Bath sent into Learmonth two waggons for the purpose of bringing out the children, and these were crowded, while a number of youngsters were also conveyed to Ceres in other vehicles. The young folks, on their arrival at the mansion, were allowed to go into the garden and partake at will of the fine gooseberries and cherries with which the large garden were filled. They afterwards amused themselves after their own fashion in the grounds, and when thoroughly tired they proceeded to the house, in front of which they were liberally regaled with tea, cake, &c. Before dusk the waggons and other vehicles were brought into requisition, and the picnickers conveyed to their homes, after having spent a very enjoyable day. These picnics have become quite an institution in Learmonth, and they are looked forward to with joyful eagerness for months before the event takes place by the youngsters, who appear to be fully aware of their indebtedness to their entertainers.

We are pleased to learn from Mr W. Walton, the licensee for the cabs at the Western railway station, that he personally has no knowledge of the excessive charge stated to have been made by the cabmen, alluded to in yesterday's issue. It is only fair to the cabmen to say that several of them to whom we have spoken on the subject state that they do not believe any of their number would be guilty of such behavior.

We are at all times pleased to chronicle the honors obtained in the "old country" by successful Victorians. On this occasion we learn from the *Lancet*, of the 19th November last, just received by the mail that Messrs

The last dividend of the Australasian Company for the year 1881, due to-day, is 8s per share, making a total of no less than £4000. During the year the dividends from this company's mine amounted to no less than £24,750, or £2 9s 6d per share.

At the Town Police Court yesterday, before Mr Curtis, J.P., a man named Michael Hefferman was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for habitual drunkenness.

We are requested to state that fires will not be permitted in the Botanical Gardens, but an abundant supply of hot water will be provided for all picnic parties on Monday next. Superintendents in charge of schools should arrange with Mr Longley, the curator, either to-day or early on Monday morning, as to the time when they wish to be supplied. By this arrangement much inconvenience and confusion will be prevented.

The City lock-up was occupied last night by three "ladies," who had been lodged therein on various charges. Mary Jones was charged with making use of threatening language in a public place with intent to provoke a breach of the peace. Annie Hardy, aged 19, is charged with vagrancy; and a third, Margaret Costello, was locked up for having been drunk and disorderly.

The usual monthly meeting of the Ballarat Bicycle Club was held last evening at the Mechanics' Institute, when there was a fair attendance of members in the chair; Mr R. Thomson in the chair. The following "runs" for next month were unanimously agreed to:—Saturday, 7th January, to Buninyong; 14th, to Haddon; 21st, to Gong Gong; 28th, to Smythes. Business of a routine character having been dealt with, the meeting adjourned.

An unfortunate female, a Victorian native, charged with drunkenness, was the only inmate of the Eastern cells last night.

The Steam Navigation Board sat yesterday to enquire into the circumstances relating to the late collision between the steamers Julia Percy and Nelson. A mass of evidence was taken, and the board then adjourned till Wednesday next.

Writing on larrikinism, the *Bendigo Advertiser* says:—It is now irrefutably proved that home influences are totally inadequate for the Australian youth, and in the accounts that daily, nay hourly, electrify and horrify the public, we only have another exemplification of "sowing a storm and reaping a whirlwind." Solomon's proverb, "Spare the rod, and spoil the child," is peculiarly adaptable to the colonies, and the alarming growth of larrikinism, and its gradual development into crime, is mainly, and perhaps solely, due to the mistaken leniency of our magistracy, who have shown unmistakable inaptitude in dealing with the scourge.

Yesterday's World has the following:—The

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reasonable doubt that she will prevail in Afghanistan before long, if she is not all-powerful there already. In other words, if the object was to stop Russia the moral barrier was and is a failure, for Russia was not stopped before, and is not stopped now; and to this extent Mr Gladstone seems to us to have had the worst of the discussion.

NEWS AND NOTES.

• We learn that a company which recently performed in the Mechanics' Institute is in financial difficulties, and that some of the employees have taken out summonses against the principal. The cases will come off for hearing at the City Court this morning.

Mr J. Noble Wilson, Mayor of Ballarat City, has issued invitations to the employees of the City Council, their wives and families, to a picnic, which will take place at the Botanical Gardens on Thursday next. It is expected that about 300 will be present on the day mentioned, and these will be conveyed from View Point to the gardens by steamers, which will leave at intervals between 10 and 11 a.m. On arrival at the gardens various sports will be improvised, such as cricket, foot-racing, rounders, and other sports usual to such gatherings. There will, however, be no fixed programme, and as there will be plenty of sport, all will have opportunity of enjoying themselves as they best like. The return home will be made about 6 p.m., but even here the day's enjoyment will not terminate, as arrangements have been made by Mayor Wilson whereby the employees, with the wives and families, will be enabled to attend the Academy of Music in the evening free of charge in order to witness the play to be produced by the Holloway Dramatic Company. Thursday next should therefore be a red-letter day in the City Council employees, who will doubtless thoroughly appreciate the forethought and generosity of our present mayor.

A meeting of the purple members of Lodges 52, 58, and 64, Orange Institution, is called for to-morrow evening, at Orchestral Hall, Doveton street, at 8 o'clock.

The monthly meeting of the Hospital Committee will be held on Wednesday. Amongst other business the following orders of the day will be considered:—To receive nominations for vacant offices on the Hospital Committee; to receive report of house committee; to accept tenders for the customary supplies; to receive draft of the annual report, with balance-sheets and auditors report.

The letter-carriers of Melbourne and the suburbs celebrated on Saturday night the fourth anniversary of their obtaining a half-

The architects are Messrs James and Creber, and Mr A. J. Boulton is the contractor.

A boy named John Dean, working at Irving and Glover's sawmill, met with what might have been a fatal accident yesterday. He was doing some work near the saw bench, when his hand became entangled in one of the belts, and was seriously crushed. He received the necessary surgical treatment at the Hospital.

A young man named Thomas Hanrahan, residing at Enfield, was admitted into the Hospital last night suffering from a severe cut on the knee, received whilst cutting props near his house.

It will doubtless be remembered that some few weeks ago a man named Farrell was killed at Archdale, leaving behind him a wife and family almost entirely destitute. Subscription-lists were formed for their relief, one of which was entrusted to Mr F. B. Wilson, of the Buck's Head hotel. The amount previously acknowledged as having been received by Mr Wilson was £10 0s 6d, since which additional donations, as follows, have been received by him, bringing the amount up to £16 13s:—Humanity, 5s; Howston, 5s; Smith, 5s; Mrs A. Scott, 5s; a Friend, 2s 6d; a Friend, 2s 6d; S. Harper, 5s; X Y Z, 2s 6d; S. Marda, 2s 6d; Green, 2s 6d; Nicholls, 2s 6d; Boyce, 2s 6d; Wilson (mail guard), 2s 6d; Musgrove, 2s 6d; Kane, 1s; Peter Alroe, 4s; Lavis, 2s 6d; P. B. Ivey, 10s; George Nicol, 10s; John Nicol, 5s; Hy. Stewart, 5s; John Inglis, 5s; George Smith, 5s; J. Richards, 5s; John Stewart, 5s; R. Dunlop, 5s; F. Hamilton, 5s; Andrew Matthews, 10s; James M'Nee, 2s 6d; — Greenfield, 5s. A cheque for the above amount has been forwarded to the widow, Mrs Farrell, by Mr Wilson. Those having previously contributed will have the satisfaction of knowing that a most deserving case of distress has been relieved through their exertions, and to those who hitherto have not done so an opportunity will be afforded them so to do for a few days longer, after which the list will be finally closed. Mr Wilson desires us to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs M. Cleary, of Doveton street, through whose exertions the greater part of the amount above acknowledged was received.

A man named Thomas Owens was fined 53s at the City Court yesterday, before Messrs Budden, Serjeant, and Campbell, J'sP., for creating a disturbance at the Lake while in a drunken state, on Sunday, and assaulting Constable Riordan, who arrested him.

An old man named Thomas Parker, who was arrested on Saturday night by Constable Hickey, for begging in the street, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at the City Court yesterday, by Messrs Budden, Serjeant, and Campbell, J'sP.

A strange adventure (says the Bendigo Advertiser) was met with on Friday night and

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ly prosperous condition.
the Young Band Extended
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being over 382 oz. The Band
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pe No. 4, New Kohinoor,
t, Smith's Freehold United,
are all good marketable
it is to be hoped that the
ines in the locality will, by-
adding equally well to the
district. The starting of
nd and Albion Company's
n the southern side of the
Saturday, is an important
e operations of that com-
well as those of the
East, Owen's Freehold,
cannot fail to throw light on
of the Redan lodes in a
rection. On the northern
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Pratt's mines are fairly pro-
of course in all such matters
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need miners in the district
opinion that the locality

wheat would be eminently suitable for the
Ballarat district, and it would be worth the
while of farmers to inspect the samples. Mr
Innes stated that the cereals in question were
grown upon high, dry ground, but from close
observat on, he thinks the results would prove
even better if a damp loamy soil were selected.
A vote of thanks was passed by the committee
to Mr Innes for his kindness, and it was
resolved to ask other persons having samples
to forward them for the inspection of the
committee.

The Hon. W. J. Clark has given a donation
of £78 15s to the new sheep shed in the Agri-
cultural Show-yard, per Mr G. G. Morton.

A son of Mr Taylor, boatbuilder, Lake
Wendouree, received a "shock to the nervous
system" a few days ago. The young fellow
was engaged in netting for crayfish for bait
purposes, when he suddenly felt a heavy
weight in the net. Thinking that a stone had
become entangled in the meshes of the trap,
he lifted it out of the water when he was
rather surprised to find that he had entrapped
a queer-looking object, the like of which he
had not seen before. Becoming alarmed at
the way in which the denizen of the water
kept floundering about, the lad called for
assistance, and it was then discovered that a
platypus had been captured. The quadruped
was the property of the City Council, and was
subsequently handed over to Mr Longley, the
curator of the gardens, by Mr Taylor.

Professor A. Mica Smith gave the first
lecture of a series on "Chemistry" to a fair
number of persons, on Saturday afternoon, at
the School of Mines. The lecture was given
in an extremely interesting manner, and dealt
with some of the subjects prescribed by the
Education Department.

Mr A. S. Chirnside was on Saturday unani-
mously elected a member of the committee of
the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society,
vice Mr R. L. Bell, deceased. The members
present thought that the influence and busi-
ness qualities of Mr Chirnside would prove
decided acquisitions to the society.

Bishop Thornton and his lady gave a garden
party to a number of ladies and gentlemen at
Bishopscourt on Saturday afternoon. The meet-
ing was a valedictory character, as the bishop
with his family, takes his departure from the
colony by the Orient steamer Liguria, on the
22nd of this month. The gathering on Saturday
was a very influential one, and comprised
about 120 of our leading Anglican residents.
Among those present were Mr G. G. Morton,
of Labona; Mr and Mrs Gaunt; Dr Pincock;
Mr Webb, of the London Chartered Bank;

ample justice was done th
vided by the worthy host a
date looked quite lively tha
people moving to and fro, a
a pleasant evening. The
gathered showed the great
the entertainers are held.

Two drunkards were dea
Court on Saturday. One
in the usual amount, a
charged.

The secretary of the Sea
desires to acknowledge with
of a cheque for £1 1s 1
Young, M.L.A., as a donat
tion.

A small boy named J
charged at the City Court
stealing two bags the pro
grocer, Skipton street.
guilty, but was reminded
allow of his father appeari

The number of persons
Ballarat Benevolent Asylu
week was 230, of whom 18
total number of outdoor
during the week was 627,
were 285 children.

In December last a lec
in the Garibaldi school to
purchase of prizes for t
school, and on Thursday
cock (chairman), Chapma
and Crombie, members of t
attended the school for
presenting the books. E
and the head teacher sa
the children as an encourag
diligence, after which M
tributed over a hundred
the evident delight of the
for the members of the
the head teacher brought
ceedings to a close.

A boy named William
charged at the City Court
leaving his master's emp
before the term thereof had
remanded to Sandhurst on
Detective Eason.

A very handsome presen
made to Miss Mary Dwy
has until lately been in
school at Cape Otway.
was made on behalf of
residents of the locality,
the esteem in which she
occasion of the recipient

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which characterized the "fayre" recently held in Melbourne will be omitted other improvements will be introduced in order to make the festival attractive, and therefore a greater source of profit.

We have to chronicle another local industry, which is under the superintendence of a few native-born tradespeople. Yesterday afternoon, on the eastern shore of Lake Wendouree an interesting sight was observable. Some half-a-dozen boys were busily engaged, knee-deep in water, overturning the quartz boulders apparently in search of some fresh-water "animal" or other. It did not seem that cray-fish would quarter in that particular spot, and judging from the display of bare feet and legs, leeches were not dreaded. The little fellows patiently labored in hope of success. On enquiry we were informed that they were gathering a curious-looking insect, of blackish appearances, technically known as "mud-eyes." It appears that these delicate morsels are the most tempting bait for perch, and furthermore, the creatures are sold at 6d per dozen. Doubtless if the finny inhabitants of the lake had voices, with which to protest against this novel industry, they would quite drown the harsh croaking of the frogs. Information on the subject was denied us by the little fishers themselves, who seemed to constitute a guild somewhat approaching trade unions in its character, and are desirous of having the "tricks of the trade" in their own keeping.

The Chemical and Electrical Industry Society met again on Wednesday evening last, at the School of Mines, and a very enjoyable and instructive lecture was given by Professor Mica Smith on "Applied Chemistry." The Professor started by explaining that the earth was composed of 64 separate matters, and that all these compositions but one had been procured and separated from each other. He then went on to show that although we had all the material for building, something else was essential, namely, the manner in which to build, and that, we could not find out, and consequently had to leave alone. He then proceeded to show how sulphuric acid, the basis of all chemical manufactures, was made, and succeeded in making a quantity in exactly the same manner in which it is made on a very large scale in England. The audience showed their appreciation of this very successful experiment by hearty applause. After stating that the subject would be further dealt with at the

therefore not of a very exhausting nature.

The two lads who last effected their escape from the Reformatory at Lake Wendouree, have not been able to elude capture for any length of time. The young urchins, we learn, were taken yesterday at Ballan, and will be brought to Ballarat this morning. There are yet four boys who have been enabled so far to make their escape good.

Mr. S. H. Walker, a candidate for the Smythes' Creek division of the Mining Board, will address the miners of Carngham, at Hall's Greyhound hotel, Snake Valley, on Saturday, 11th instant, at 8 p.m.

The Ballarat shareholders of the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company, Limited, are notified by advertisement elsewhere that the second dividend is now due, and can be received by application to the company's Ballarat agent, Mr Wm. Little.

BALLARAT FIRE BRIGADE.

The monthly meeting of the members was held on Monday evening, Captain Morris in the chair. The secretary reported that the brigade had been called out to three fires during the past month, and that it had been represented at the anniversary celebration of the Ballarat City Brigade.—Received. Correspondence.—From secretary B.C.F. Brigade, requesting payment of rent of telegraph wire.—It was resolved that the moiety of rent due by this brigade be paid to the Telegraph Department. From city and town drum and fife band, requesting patronage to a concert.—Request declined. From Murtoa V.F. Brigade, requesting the attendance of a representative to a festival on the 8th March.—Received. The treasurer reported a debit balance of £43 12s 5d.—Received. Accounts amounting to £31 9s 10d were passed for payment. The remainder of the evening was devoted to the discussion of matters relating to the annual demonstration.

The latest development of Ritualism is the pause of the priest in the marriage ceremony to bless the ring before it is placed on the finger of the bride.

"You see," said the colonel, "old Deacon Jenks is one of those men who are always ready to rob Peter to pay Paul." "Yes," sighed the colonel's wife, "but somehow the deacon, after robbing Peter, always forgets to pay Paul."

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NEWS AND NOTES.

learn that a petition, signed by the
 members of the legal profession in
 is being prepared, to be forwarded to
 Department, praying that in order to
 business, and prevent unnecessary
 sensive postponements of courts and
 matters, a permanent resident judge
 be appointed for Ballarat and district.
 Social meeting of the directors of the
 horse United Company will be held at
 at 10 o'clock this morning. It is
 probable that some further steps will
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 sion that has been arrived at by the
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le fellow named Walter Dauncey was
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 and tearing several of the blood vessels, which
 bled profusely. The sufferer was driven over
 to Smythesdale with all possible speed, and
 Dr Jordan rendered the necessary medical
 assistance,

The sparrows in the vicinity of Lake Wen-
 douree are very tame. Upon the arrival of
 the steamers at either side of the lake the
 birds fly on board for the purpose of picking
 up the crumbs of buns and cakes dropped by
 youthful excursionists. One of the captains
 in the employ of Mr Ivey states that the
 sparrows on many occasions fly into the laps
 of ladies.

The members of the Ballarat Imperial Foot-
 ball Club on Saturday night, at Chinnery's
 Devon and Cornwall hotel, Sturt street, pre-
 sented the Hon. Major Smith with a token of
 respect for fulfilling the position of president
 of the club for a number of years. The pre-
 sentation consisted of the portraits of the first
 twenty, nicely grouped around the portraits of
 the president and vice-president. The chair
 was occupied by Mr M'Kenzie, vice-president,
 who, in his opening remarks, compared the
 defeat of the Berry Ministry to the defeat of a
 good football team, who had every chance of
 winning the game until some unfair decision
 of the umpire caused them to lose it. The
 Governor, he said, stood in the position of the
 unfair umpire. Vice-captain A. Henderson
 made the presentation in suitable terms, and
 the recipient suitably responded. On the
 invitation of Major Smith, wine was opened,
 and several toasts and songs brought the pro-
 ceedings to a close.

• The water in Lake Wendouree is lowering
 rapidly. Last week a fall of two inches took
 place, and unless heavy rain sets in, it is ex-
 pected a further fall of three inches will be
 experienced during the coming week. On
 Saturday the yacht *Viola*, during the race for
 the Hepburn trophy, grounded on three or
 four occasions, and consequently destroyed
 her chance of winning the contest. A party
 of pressmen who were out in a sailing boat
 also had the misfortune to run aground, and,
 to use a nautical phrase, their craft remained
 "hard and fast" in the mud for some time.
 The captain of the newspaper men had, with a
 member of his crew, to "peel off" and push
 the boat into deep water.

Lake Wendouree and the Botanical Gardens
 are still the centres of attraction. On Satur-
 day a number of persons visited the spot
 named, but the visitors yesterday were far in
 excess of the number of the previous day. The
 'buses and carryalls from the city to the lake
 were utilised to a great extent, and the
 steamers were crowded with pleasure seekers.

We learn that the next of the series of
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Now that the dry season has nearly reached its pitch the residents of Doveton street north, near the New Cemetery, are suffering greatly through the scarcity of water. The locality named has not yet been reticulated by the Water Commission, though a promise was made some eight years ago that the water mains would be laid on. The residents of a whole block are, we understand, without the necessary fluid, and were it not for the kindness of Mr Cummins, of the Miller's Arms hotel, who possesses a large tank, the unfortunate ratepayers would be compelled to cart their water from the city. It is to be hoped the Water Commission will remedy the grievance.

The great inconvenience that has been experienced for a long time past for want of telegraphic communication between Ballarat and the Smeaton district, as also between Smeaton and Creswick, has now been obviated by the opening of telegraphic offices at Allandale and Smeaton. The just claims of the localities in question in that respect have been frequently advocated in the *Star*, and we are glad to find them acknowledged by the department. Referring to the subject, the *Creswick Advertiser* says:—"We are glad to be able to congratulate those who worked energetically and well towards securing the progress of the district, that the telegraph offices at Allandale and Smeaton are now open for business, Miss Ingamells having taken charge of the former on Saturday, and Miss Williams of the latter to-day. At both offices a good business was done on Saturday, with the prospect of making it lively for the Creswick office in future. A money order and savings bank will shortly be available in connection with the office at Allandale."

We hear that several petty robberies occurred on Saturday at the Eastern Oval. A player named Fogg has sustained the loss of a new gold watch and chain, and another named Duffy missed a silk handkerchief. Other thefts are also reported, and it is to be hoped that the guilty individual will be punished for the acts.

A little commotion was caused at the Eastern lock-up yesterday morning, and the circumstances connected with it were the means of creating a flutter among some of the members of "the force." It will be remembered that a few days ago two Mongolians were arrested on a charge of stealing a shovel, and prior to being locked up they were searched in the usual way. Nothing of importance, however, was found in their possession. Yesterday they were further remanded, and admitted to bail. After leaving the court they proceeded to the lock-up, and made a complaint to the effect that when arrested they had a quantity of gold in their

his left shoulder and elbow. The accident occurred on Wednesday last, but up to Sunday the sufferer was of opinion that nothing serious had taken place. On the last-mentioned day, however, symptoms of swelling presented themselves, when he decided to seek medical aid at the Hospital. The patient is progressing favorably.

Mr Ivey, the enterprising steamboat proprietor of Lake Wendouree, is about to make some valuable additions to his fleet. In about three week's time he will have completed a new steamer of good burthen, which will be fitted with all the latest appliances. The most important addition, we think, will be the enlarging and remodelling of the steamer Prince Consort. The present length of this vessel is 70 feet, but when the alterations have been completed her length will be 110 feet, with proportionate width, and will be capable of affording accommodation for 400 passengers. Mr Ivey has imported a new paddle-shaft for the Prince Consort, which will be placed in position when she assumes her new appearance. The shaft is 21 feet long, 3½ inches in diameter, and is of 24 inches stroke. It is composed of cast steel equal in strength to the best iron of double its weight, which is 7 cwt. A new boiler, capable of working up to 150 lb to the square inch, is also to be provided for the Prince Consort, and will be on the locomotive principle. We are informed that the boiler will be composed of the best Lowmoor iron, with brass tubes, and the fire-boxes will be of copper. It is also the intention of Mr Ivey to construct a double hull steamboat for the lake traffic, with feathering paddles, which will work between the hulls. The vessel will be a "double-decker," the upper one of which is to have an awning and will be devoted solely to the use of passengers. We may state that all the work in connection with Mr Ivey's new ventures is to be executed in Ballarat.

The first ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the proprietors of the Joint Stock Bank of Victoria, Limited, was held yesterday afternoon at the banking house, Lydiard street. There were present about 30 shareholders; Mr James Williamson, chairman of directors, presiding. The reports and balance-sheet were adopted, and the thanks of the meeting given to the directors, officers, and chairman.

Mr Goodbun, who was so severely burnt by ignited phosphorus, still suffers a large degree of pain. However, his physician, Dr Pincock, considers his condition, in view of the nature of his injuries, to be most satisfactory.

The progress that is being made in the Smeaton district is quite surprising. A new branch erected by the National Bank of Australasia, Messrs Perry and Oakden, of Melbourne, architects, was opened in March last, under the able management of Mr Dyke, and we hear that the Bank of Australasia is about to let a contract for the erection of a new brick bank on the opposite corner to Sheehan's

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to the correctness of the accounts. The reports and balance-sheets were adopted. The following directors were elected:—Messrs Clinton, Roberts, Elight, Hunt, Loutit, Sayers, and Dyte. Messrs Christie and Gillard were elected auditors. A vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

CITY COURT.

Tuesday, 21st February.

(Before Messrs R. Lewis, Tree, Caselli, and Stalker, J.'s P.)

LARCENY.—Mary O'Meara was charged with the larceny of a watch, the property of John Cummins. Detective Hyland stated he had been in communication with the Sandridge detectives, and it now appeared that the man who reported the alleged theft was drunk at the time. Under these circumstances the prisoner was discharged from custody.

INFRIATES.—One old man was charged with the above offence and fined 5s, in default one day's imprisonment.

CAUSE LIST.—Fuggle and Richards v Shirra, goods, 17s; order for amount, with costs. Alex. Draper v Duncan Cameron, goods, £1 9s 3d; order for amount, with costs; Mr Turner for plaintiff. Permewan, Wright, and Co. v James O'Reilly, work, &c., £7 11s; order for amount, with costs.

THE PEOPLE WANT PROOF.—There is not medicine prescribed by physicians or sold by druggists that carries such evidence of its success and superior virtue as BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP for severe coughs, colds settled on the breast, consumption, or any disease of the throat and lungs. A proof of the fact is that any person afflicted can get a sample bottle for 9d and try its superior effect before buying the regular size at 4s 6d. It has lately been introduced into this country from Germany, and its wonderful cures are astonishing everyone that uses it. Three doses will relieve any case. Try it. All chemists and storekeepers. Wholesale by ROCKE, TOMES and Co., Melbourne.

NOTICE TO STOREKEEPERS, HAWKERS, AND THE TRADE GENERALLY.—Having considerably enlarged my premises, I am now enabled to show a greater variety of goods in Haberdashery, Hosiery, and General Drapery; also, Cutlery, Tobacconists' Glass and Crockery Ware, Fancy Goods of every description, which will well repay inspection. Note—At Melbourne prices.—WOLF FLEGLTAUB, Wholesale Warehouseman, Main road, opposite London Chartered Bank, N.Y.—Closed on Saturdays.—[AUST.]

be kept open for public use, the secretary to the board to report upon the matter in the meantime.

The board then adjourned.

DANGERS ON LAKE WENDOUREE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.

SIR,—Yesterday afternoon I took my wife and family for a row across the lake. After spending a pleasant hour in the gardens we started on our homeward track. Half way on our journey we espied a yacht full of people before the wind making direct for our bows. I called out to the occupants of the sailing-boat to look out, instead of which they came whirling past our fragile craft and grazed its side, at the same time made use of very impertinent remarks. The children were dangling their arms over the side of the boat and no thanks to the rude and ungallant fellows that my children were not maimed for life; besides the fright it gave my wife, who is not strong. The reason I write you is to enquire if there are any rules for the guidance of sailing boats, for what chance has a rowing boat filled with children, against one driven full sail before the wind? Hitherto, our beautiful lake has had a wonderful immunity from accidents, but if our waters are to be taken possession of by such unprincipled sailists, the sooner we get water-police the better will it be for the—Yours, &c.,

SMALL FRY.

A BAD CROSSING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.

SIR,—Our eastern councillors are making a pitched crossing at the intersection of Victoria and Humffray streets, the steepest pitch of the hill. The crown of the road has not only been raised (foolishly), but yards of loose coarse metal many inches deep filled in, making horse traffic up Victoria street almost an impossibility. I have witnessed there, with many others, scenes most distressing—teams and other conveyances bogged in blue metal; horses pulling their very hearts out, others exhausted dead beat, sweating and bruised all over from the lash inflicted by excited and patience-tried drivers, who finally turn back into Main and up Humffray streets. It may be said, perhaps, the repairs are not finished. This would be a poor excuse, indeed, as in such a place as this the metal should have been blinded and heavily rolled. If those concerned in the matter are only visited with a small portion of the curses heaped upon them they will be d—d indeed.—Yours, &c.,

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OUR LAKE AND GARDENS.

ABUNDANCE OF WATER AND BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS.

Visitors to the lake and botanic gardens cannot fail to notice the many improvements recently effected there, or to be charmed with the fresh and beautiful appearance of the popular resort. Many of the steamers, yachts, and rowing boats have already been "touched up" for the summer season, and the sheds and boathouses are now undergoing repairs and being made attractive. Rushcutters are at work clearing the undergrowth—a work that will be appreciated both by anglers and scullers. Some of the walks round the lake are now under water, and the lake itself is as full as ever it was at this season of the year. The byewash is doing its work, and in a day or two all the flood waters will disappear and the main body be brought to its proper level. The pathway will be attended to, and rendered pleasant for strolling. The removal of the trees on the south side some months ago, has had the effect of providing a better view of the lake from outside, and the other trees are showing a more vigorous growth than previously. The well-kept hawthorn and privet hedge, by which the lake and parade is surrounded, having been neatly cut, now looks fresh and firm. Excepting that portions of the lawn, in consequence of Saturday's storm, are still under water, indications suggest that the spot will again be a place of beauty. The sward is improving, and with proper treatment will doubtless be in splendid condition by December.

In the gardens, from which the name of Mr Longley is inseparable, everything looks inviting. The employés—12 in number, nine men and three lads, being two hands less than the staff at work last year, and four below the number employed in 1892—are busy lopping, clipping, trimming, hoeing, and digging. The air is perfumed with the little mignonette and the huge and stately magnolia. Here is a pine, there an oak, now a eucalyptus, with a willow for a neighbor or companioned by a poplar, all looking strong and healthy and promising to afford shelter during the heat on long summer days. All the beds are being turned over, fresh

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GREAT CELEBRATIO

Notwithstanding the ve... weather on Saturday, the... Fair at A. R. DAVIE and Co.'s... 74 Bridge street, was a remar... The vast premises were crow... day long, and the fine build... with the huge display of sp... were the theme of general adm... our representative called in... was lined with customers, a... number of assistants as busy... tending to their wants. Then... the firm have one of the fi... drapery and clothing to be for... Melbourne, while the prices... every case than can be boug... Lane, owing to the fact that... large importer, and thus save... man's profit. We certainly... son requiring drapery of any... give the firm a call, when the... will be a matter of saving at... every pound.—[ADVT.]

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THE DISPUTED BORDER QUESTION

DEBATE IN THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ASSEMBLY.

In the South Australian Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, Mr Grainger moved for the rescission of the motion passed last session relating to the disputed boundary with Victoria so far as it autho-

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At 2 o'clock,

On the premises, Peel street and
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To Investors, Speculators, &c.

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Having frontages to Peel street
Roadway north side 64 feet, east
depth of 165 feet, on which is erected
stables, several small shops and
large iron store.

A capital investment in an improved
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BELL, LAMBERT, and CO.,
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Under instructions from the owner
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ALLOTMENTS 41 and 43, section
Ballarat East, having magnificent
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The property is under lease expired
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For unreserved sale. Title

Liberal terms,

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ALL VENDORS PAID IN CASH
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SATURDAY, 13th OCTOBER

TATTERSALL'S SALE

Doveton street

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Will have for sale by auction, at 11
130 Horses, commencing at
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On account of Mr John James, &c.

MR LONGLEY'S SERVICES.

A PUBLIC TRIBUTE.

The following petition to the City Council upon the merit of Mr. Geo. Longley's services to the ratepayers, and his qualifications for continued occupancy of the post he now holds, has been forwarded to the mayor of the city:—

"To his worship the mayor of the city, and councillors, Ballarat. Gentlemen,—We, in the most respectful terms, beg to offer some suggestions for the council's consideration respecting the management of the Botanical Gardens. According to the press, it is the intention of some of the members of the council to consider the advisability of curtailing Mr Longley's control as curator. If such an intention be discussed, will you kindly consider our respectful views which, we believe are those of the bulk of the public; an expression from whom can be readily obtained, if desired. It is thought, however, there is no necessity for going further, and we would rather rely on the good judgment and justice of our representatives at the council table. Several of us are residents of thirty to forty years' standing, and we can therefore competently judge the circumstances. We submit the council might consider Mr Longley's case favorably for following reasons:—1. Mr Longley has proved himself a thoroughly good servant for thirty-six years, and throughout that long period has had an unblemished reputation. 2. Mr Longley's difficulty in moving about quickly is, we have learned, due to the sicknesses brought about while in the employ of your council, and in the early days in the first lodge house at the north gate. He was then attended by Dr James Stewart, who condemned the low-lying site. That house was subsequently improved several times to cure its unsanitary condition; nevertheless in that house there have been at least six deaths. 3. We submit the gardens do not suffer through Mr Longley's not walking about quickly, for he certainly makes up for it by the long hours he spends in the gardens, i.e., from early morning till dusk. 4. Mr Longley's practical knowledge of his business, acquired and learned during his apprenticeship in some of the finest nurseries in the old country, added to his thirty-six years' experience here, is of the highest value to the city, and should more than compensate for his slowness in getting about. 5. If the council think him not quick enough, they might not venture to say."

LECTURE BY MAJOR-GENERAL TULLOCH.

[By TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR MELBOURNE CORRESPONDENT).

FRIDAY.

Major-General Tulloch delivered a lecture under the auspices of the Imperial Federation League, at the Athenæum last night, on the subject of defences. Mr Justice Holroyd presided. Amongst those on the platform were the Speaker and President of the Legislative Council, Mr Justice Hodges, Archbishop Carr, Sir M. T. Sargood, Hon. R. W. Best, the mayor and other leading citizens. The proceedings invested special interest owing to this being about the last public appearance of General Tulloch previous to his departure. Major Tulloch, in the course of his lecture said there was a great defect in the land forces of the colonies which were under five different heads and acted independently, of each other. The first requirement was a federal regiment of garrison artillery. The Federal Council already possessed the power to establish this, but, strange to say, one of the colonies would not join in with the others even for this object. The matter should be taken in hand without delay. He said men composed of better stuff than the colonials, or amenable to discipline, did not exist. The commerce would be most liable to attack by an enemy, but if English statesmen did their duty, and maintained the British navy at its proper strength, this would not occur. In case of hostilities with France or Russia, he considered it not unlikely that an expedition might be sent to the colonies, consisting of seven or eight ships, with 1500 infantry on each; but if we had 6000 well-drilled infantry, which could be concentrated to any spot, any foreign power would probably think twice before sending an expedition. On the whole, he considered a hostile expedition might be sent here with fair chance of success. Regarding the assistance Australia might afford to the British Empire in case of war, he thought that if the colonies were not crushed at the outset there would, in four months from the outbreak, be infantry and mounted troops ready not only to defend Australia, but to stand side by side with the Imperial army. Many thousands of young men would burn with desire to help the old country, and any one colonial Government which opposed the movement would have but a short tenure of office. He considered the Australian contingent might be very usefully employed in the north western portion of India. He held the subject of increasing the naval defences should be considered by the statesmen of England, by con-

4. Mr Longley's practical knowledge of his business, acquired and learned during his apprenticeship in some of the finest nurseries in the old country, added to his thirty-six years' experience here, is of the highest value to the city, and should more than compensate for his slowness in getting about. 5. If the council think him not quick enough, then, might we not venture to say, Mr Longley should have authority (if he has not already got it) to instruct his foreman to occasionally attend to the more distant parts. This would manifestly be wiser than having two managers inside the gardens, for sooner or later that would be found unworkable—a divided authority in the gardens must, we believe, be highly prejudicial. 6. Mr Longley's creation of the gardens, commencing from the day the site was a bush, and his transforming management all along, has brought great credit to the city. His uniform treatment of all sections of the community has made him respected and honored by everyone. 7. We have ascertained that during Mr Longley's thirty-six years management (as evidencing his devotion and love for his duties) his total holidays have not exceeded three months; and about a year ago his salary was reduced to £175 a year. And very serious further reduction or curtailment of his position would we think be considered by the citizens as unworthy of the town. We submit for these and other reasons councillors can fairly hesitate about taking any action unfavorable to our curator.—We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants, James Oddie, W. Tulloch (members of the first council), Henry Cuthbert, J. Noble Wilson, David M'Naught, Richard M. Goodfellow, H. W. Morrow, T. D. Wanliss, Andrew Anderson, R. Gibbings, R. Denham Pincock, M.D., William Dawson, Alex. Gray, John M'Leod, D. M'Kenzie, H. Stewart, L. Stanfield, Charles Walker, J. Lombard, J. D. Woolcott, O. E. Edwards, W. D. Thompson, J. E. White, John Snow, Wm. Orrock, John Thomas Marsh, Francis Jago, R. F. Hudson, M.D., Wm. Eyres, John Murray, J. A. Doane, Wm. Little, David Ham.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening, for the purpose of considering the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year ending September, 1895, and other business; the mayor (Or E. Morey) presiding. There were present:—Ors Bell, Elliott, Heinz, M'Donald, Retallack, Shoppee, and Thompson.

Mr Geo. Perry (town clerk) and

thousands of young men would have desired to help the old country, and any one colonial Government which opposed the movement would have but a short tenure of office. He considered the Australian contingent might be very usefully employed in the north western portion of India. He held the subject of increasing the naval defences should be considered by the statesmen of England, by conferring with those of the colony in England. He strongly urged federation as indispensable to defence.

Sir F. T. SARGOOD, in moving a vote of thanks, said that whatever Ministry was in power he would take care that the efficiency of the defences was not tampered with, as good defences were the best insurance for the safety of the colony.

The Hon. R. W. BEST said that the Government were determined to make a beginning with federation. The people should insist on their representatives forwarding the movement.

A vote of thanks was carried enthusiastically.

Major-General TULLOCH, in responding, said he left Victoria with much regret, and should always feel himself a Victorian.

SALES.

Special attention is drawn by Messrs Brokenshire and Coltman to their important sale on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock, on the premises, No. 38 Burnbank street, a commodious family residence, containing thirteen rooms, large stable, cowhouse, and other conveniences together with grand block of freehold land containing 1 acre. The house is replete with all necessary conveniences of a first-class family residence, and commands the most magnificent view of the lake and city to be obtained in Ballarat. All the rooms are lofty, lathed and plastered, and well-fitted with gas, venetian blinds, marble mantelpieces, &c.; choice flower garden and large paddocks. Special attention is invited to this sale. The property must be sold to the highest bidder, by order of the mortgagees. Very liberal terms can be arranged, and persons wanting a good family residence should be present at this sale.

Messrs Brokenshire and Coltman will sell on Wednesday next at two o'clock, at Hill and Paine's auction rooms, Dana street, under distraint for rent, Mitchison v Macfarlane; also on account of parties leaving Ballarat, removal for convenience of sale, household furniture and effects, comprising—piano (by Collard and Collard), drawing room suite in tapestry and plush, carpets, tables, fenders and irons, bedsteads, wire mattresses, Scotch and other chests of drawers, office desk, forms, books, lamp, crockery, kitchen utensils; also, tailor's sewing machine, without reserve.

Messrs Brokenshire and Coltman on Thursday next will sell at twelve o'clock on the premises, No. 6 Hunt street, a well built, comfortable residence, containing five rooms and bathroom and a good allotment of land.