

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.

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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 Holioway 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 3 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. Mards, 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 5s at the City Court yesterday, before Messrs Budden, Serjeant, and Campbell, J.'s P., 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.'s P.

A strange adventure (says the *Beadign Advertiser*) was met with on Friday night