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## NEWS AND NOTES.

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**The Mails.**—The weekly mail for the United Kingdom and foreign countries is notified to close at the General Post Office to-day at 1 p.m. (late fee 2 p.m.), for transmission by the R.M.S. *Malwa*. The usual mail for the Eastern States, New Zealand, etc., will close to-morrow at 11.30 a.m. (late fee 12.30 p.m.), for conveyance by the R.M.S. *Orsova*.

**The Weather.**—The following shade temperatures were registered in the city on Saturday and Sunday:—Saturday: Maximum, 60.6 degrees; minimum, 51.0 degrees. Sunday: Maximum, 62.8 degrees; minimum, 43.8 degrees. One point of rain was recorded during the 24 hours previous to 9 a.m. yesterday. The forecast for to-day (Monday) is as follows:—"Some light showers on the coast east from the Leeuwin; otherwise fine, with south to east winds."

**Rosary Sunday.**—Yesterday being Rosary Sunday, was signalized by special devotions in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. At the evening service a procession of the Blessed Sacrament was carried out by the religious sodalites, while the occasional sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Father Hayes, Administrator. The aria "I waited for the Lord," from the "Hymn of Praise," was played as an offertory by the organist (Mr. Taylor). The high altar was tastefully decorated with a mass of arum lilies by the Sisters of Mercy.

**The Goldfields Water Supply.**—The Goldfields Water Supply administration have just issued a pamphlet giving a variety of statistical information dealing with the Goldfields Water Supply, and the result of the operations for the year ended June 30 last. The working expenses, it appears, amounted to £70,972, the interest charges to £102,952, and the sinking fund contributions to £89,359, making the total expenditure £263,283. The revenue, on the

penditure £263,283. The revenue, on the other hand, amounted to £237,668, and was sufficient to pay working expenses and interest, and £63,744 towards the sinking fund. The deficit on the year's operations thus totalled £25,615.

**Mishaps to Candidates.**—A Wongan Hills correspondent writes:—The candidates for the Moore district have been holding meetings here lately, and two of them have met with accidents. Mr. H. B. Lefroy, when returning in a trap from his meeting, ran into a stump, smashing the pole of the vehicle. Mr. Lefroy was thrown heavily to the ground, and rendered almost unconscious. The horses bolted with the pole and harness. Mr. D. Munro, another candidate, on Thursday had an almost similar experience. In driving home in the dark his sulky struck an anthill, and was overturned, and Mr. Munro himself received a good shaking, and sundry bruises, the horse meantime coming entangled in a barbed wire fence, from which it was with difficulty extricated.

**Sharks in the River.**—Mr. D. Walker, of Parry-street, East Perth, writes under Saturday's date:—"I wish to say as a warning to anyone feeling disposed to enjoy a dip in the Swan River that they should look before they leap in some parts which may have been considered safe, and I give my reason. Yesterday (Friday) morning I left my residence in Parry-street to attend some business I had in the direction of Belmont stud farm. When crossing the Bunbury bridge at about 10.30 o'clock, and just at the channel, near the western bank of the river, I heard an unusual splashing noise and disturbance in the water almost under the bridge on the south side. I waited for a few seconds and was astounded to notice the fins and back of a large shark appear on the surface of the water on the north side of the bridge in mid-channel. It was followed by a second one not quite so large. They dived and appeared again about 30 yards up stream. When they were about 100 yards further north a number of startled wild duck rose up from the shallows and flew away up stream. As the occurrence

flew away up stream. As the occurrence was a novel experience to me (the sharks appeared to be about 9ft. and 8ft. long), I am taking this opportunity of letting the public know about the dangerous visitors."

**Russian Tyranny.**—A nolle prosequi has been issued by the Crown in the case of the Russians August Maren and Frederick Johnson, who were recently committed for trial on a charge of having on or about April 20, at Doodlakine, conspired together to cause the said Johnson to give false evidence against Ernest Dreger in the Kellerberrin Police Court. Special interest attached to the case owing to a suggestion that Maren was identical with the notorious "Peter the Painter," who was concerned in the Houndsditch affray, but after cabling to Scotland Yard the Criminal Investigation authorities learned that there was no foundation whatever for his suspicion. Both Maren and Johnson, who have been released, deny having attended any meetings of anarchists in London as alleged by Dreger in the Perth Police Court. Maren told the detectives some time ago that because he had addressed meetings in the Baltic Province of Russia on political and economic questions he had been arrested on a charge of seditious libel against the Government. He was kept in prison for two years at Riga before he was tried and acquitted. After the trial he decided to leave Russia because, although he had been proved innocent, he was afraid some other charge would be concocted against him. Both he and Johnson had worked in a rubber goods factory in London, and the only meetings they had attended were meetings of unionists.

**Railway Loco. Workers and the Cost of Living.**—Yesterday afternoon at a mass meeting of railway loco. employees, consideration was given to an offer made by the Commissioner for Railways (Mr. J. T. Short) last week in respect to rate of pay in the several classes of loco-running duties. A deputation representative of the Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' waited on the Commissioner on Friday last, and made an appeal for a uniform increase of one shilling per day, in view of the increased cost

ling per day, in view of the increased cost of living. After hearing the claims of the men as advocated by their emissaries, the Commissioner on behalf of his department, made an offer—the precise terms of which by the way were not made available to the Press—which constituted a compromise on the men's demand. The meeting yesterday was convened for the express purpose of giving the railway workers affected an opportunity of hearing the report of the deputationists and then agreeing to the acceptance or rejection of the Commissioner's offer. At the conclusion of the meeting, the union sec-

retary (Mr. Geo. Backshall), when approached by a "West Australian" reporter, said that the Commissioner's proposal had been discussed in all its bearings; that certain recommendations interpreting the wishes of the men had been adopted, and that these were yet to be considered by the executive of the union. Mr. Backshall remarked further that representatives of the union were also at present in the country ascertaining the views of other railway loco. men on the subject, and that the reports obtained would be also considered by the executive before a decision one way or the other was arrived at. "The Commissioner," he added, "will, I should say, receive our decision before the end of the present week."

**Legislative Council Elections.**—The results will be made known early this week of the Labour selection ballot in connection with the Metropolitan-Suburban Province seat in the Legislative Council. The returning officer is Mr. E. G. Backshall, secretary of the Locomotive Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Union.

**The Children's Hospital.**—During the week ended on Friday last, 15 new patients were admitted to the Children's Hospital, while 11 were discharged, and 3 died, leaving 43 remaining in the institution. In the out-patients' department, the reattendances numbered 168, and the new cases 50, or a total of 218.

**Public Inspection of the Cambrian.**—Many hundreds of people availed themselves of the

hundreds of people availed themselves of the opportunity yesterday of inspecting H.M.S. Cambria, which is at present berthed at the river buoy in the harbour. The various river craft were largely patronised by the general public, and for several hours the sailors on the man-o'-warman were kept busy in escorting parties over the vessel and explaining the numerous objects of interest everywhere in evidence.

**Shocking Railway Fatality.**—An unknown man was run down by the 8 o'clock train from Fremantle on the Lock-street crossing between Claremont and Karrakatta, last night and killed instantly. The body was shockingly mangled. Corporal Foulkes, of Claremont, was informed of the accident shortly after its occurrence, and he attended at the scene and had the remains removed to the city morgue. The victim was a middle-aged man.

**Perth Caledonian Society.**—A meeting of the council and ladies' committee of the Perth Caledonian Society was held one evening last week in St. Andrew's Hall, the Hon. Chief (Mr. W. Christie) presiding. Owing to the difficulty of securing a hall of a suitable size for the "Hallowe'en" gathering it was decided to engage the Star Skating Rink for the occasion.

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The Commercial Tailoring Company's new spring season's suitings have arrived, and are exclusive in designs and in the most delightful taste. These have been directly imported from the English manufacturers and present an exhibition-like display. The company restricts itself to high-class garments. 794 Hay-street (upstairs), opp. Zimpel's. Extended terms if desired. No shop windows.

Attention is drawn to the auction sale by Mr. Chas. Sommers, in his rooms, 56 St. George's-terrace, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when, acting under instructions from the official liquidator of the Yaloginda Consols Gold Mining Co., Ltd., he will offer the Company's two gold mining leases, situated at Yaloginda, 8 miles south of Meekatharra, in the Nannine goldfield. With the leases, which are said to comprise 12 acres each, will be sold the tools on the mine, blacksmith's shop, tramway, etc., etc.

M. L. Moss and Dwyer, of Henry-street, Fremantle, announce that tenders for the purchase

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