

Local and General

Maintenance Claim.

At the Police Court yesterday a case was heard in which Walter Phillip Percy Ward was charged by his wife, Mary Elsie Ward, with non-compliance with an order made on June 18, 1920, for the payment of 30/ a week. Mr. J. G. Sweeney appeared for the complainant, and stated that on October 8 the amount of arrears was £14/14/6. The defendant had got into arrears in July, when an order was made for seven days' imprisonment, with the result that he had paid up. Counsel suggested that if another term of imprisonment were ordered, it might have the desired effect. The Bench made an order for 14 days' imprisonment, the warrant to be suspended for a fortnight, and also ordered defendant to pay £2/7/ costs.

Rental of Fishing Boat.

Alexei Tolparoff preferred a claim for £11/15/ against W. Potts in the Local Court yesterday for the rental of a fishing boat and the value of certain articles that were missing from the boat when it was returned.

certain articles that were missing from the boat when it was returned. Defendant did not appear. Mr. J. W. Regan, for defendant, said the summons was served at defendant's boardinghouse. Before it was issued defendant called at his office and said he was going on a fishing trip, and added:—"I don't care whether you go on with the ease or not. I've got no money, and if you win the case you will get nothing." Alexia Tolparoff, laborer, deposed that defendant rented a fishing boat from him from February 14 to June 15 at 10/ a week. This amounted to £8/15/. Certain articles were missing from the boat when it was returned to him, including the jib, mainsails, anchor, and two paddles, which he valued at £3. Mr. Scott, S.M., gave a verdict for the amount claimed with costs.

Two Trips to Whyalla To-day.

The steamer Nelcebee is to make two trips to Whyalla to-day and will tow a water barge on each occasion. She will depart from Pirie on the first run at two o'clock this morning and on the second at two o'clock this afternoon.

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The motor ketch Lola which replaced the Pearl in the Whyalla trade is said to have had a mishap at the port across the gulf yesterday. When trying to moor, she ran against the jetty and received some damage. Among other things, it is said that her mainsail was split from gaff to boom. The Lola was assisted by the steamer Nelcebee.

Continental to be Given at Hospital.

A continental in aid of the Hospital Samaritan fund is being arranged by a committee of citizens. It will be given on the grounds of the institution on December 8 and the items will be similar to those of the entertainment last year. Careful attention is being given to the musical program.

Chief Secretary's Visit.

The Mayor (Mr. J. S. Geddes) has been advised that the Chief Secretary (Mr. J. G. Bice) will visit Pirie on Tuesday, and will meet a deputation from the Town Council at 10 a.m. The matters to be discussed relate to harbor improvements and the outstanding account for influenza expenditure. An endeavor is to be made by the hospital committee to induce the Chief Secretary to visit the m-

the Chief Secretary to visit the institution so that the need for increased accommodation and alterations may be brought under his notice.

Shop Assistants' Union.

A meeting of shop assistants was held at the International Hall on Thursday evening when matters connected with the Christmas holidays were discussed. The new log of wages was presented, and copies will be served on the shop proprietors on Monday.

Fine Crop from Wandearah.

The first load of new season's wheat received by the Wheat Harvest Board agency at Crystal Brook was delivered by Mr. T. Arbon, of Wandearah, on Wednesday. The grain was of the Florence variety and weighed 66 lb. to the bushel. It was grown on ordinary ploughed land and the crop will average 28 bushels to the acre.

Strawberry Fete on Children's Playground.

Next Friday a strawberry fete and continental will be given on the Children's Playground. The stalls will be in charge of the following: Cakes, Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. D. McLean;

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Dullness in Shipping.

This has been the dullest week Pirie had in shipping matters for a long

time. Except for the weekly visit of the ~~frigate~~ and the movements of the two ~~under~~ to Whyalla, the week has been ~~absolutely~~ devoid of shipping ~~business~~. There is every reason to believe, however, that the period of dullness has ended. The Tjitaroem is due on Sunday to unload a cargo of lumber from the United States, and the Clan Monroe is also due on Sunday to take in 3000 tons of concentrates. The Offenbach is expected on Tuesday to take concentrates, and in addition, the wheat shipping season will be

the wheat shipping season will be starting very soon, and the resumption of work at Broken Hill will call for the importation of large quantities of coal. Business would not have been so stagnant if the recent rains had not interfered with the carting of the 200,000 bags wheat that was left at Spalding. With the resumption of fine weather, it will be possible to continue carting operations, though the further difficulty has arisen that some of the men who were engaged therein are required now for the harvesting of the new crop.

Cadet Cricket Team.

A meeting of cadets was held at the Drill Hall on Thursday night with a view to forming a cricket club. Cadet J. E. W. Thompson presided. It was decided that the membership fee should be 2/ and that meetings should be held every Wednesday night.

Instructional Staff.

The attention of returned soldiers is invited to the advertisement of the Defence Department appearing in this issue calling for volunteers for enlistment in the instructional staff.
