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TOPICS OF THE DAY

THE MITCHELL POLICY.

Our party system of government has been responsible for many disastrous blunders. It is unnecessary to particularise them, for they are but too visible to anyone who will scan the horizon of public affairs. And not only has the system brought forth such calamitous results, but, in addition, it has evidently so warped the intellects of partisans as to render them incapable of distinguishing between economic truths and economic fallacies. Recently we have had evidence of this from apologists for the Mitchell immigration proposal—a proposal which, when analysed, shows itself to be one of reckless desperation. It is admitted by its supporters that from July to December last year the only

getting a job at a Bunbury hotel while the regular hand was absent, on the understanding that he was to get the position if the man did not return. However, the employe returned, and he was put out of work. He had been unable to get another job, and had developed rheumatism through sleeping on the beach and in the parks. His pension was cancelled on account of his health having improved. This was some time ago. To the Bench: He drank occa-

sionally, but not to excess. The Bench decided that defendant was not in a fit condition to go to gaol, although they did not hesitate to state that it was entirely his own fault that he was in his present position. He was allowed a ticket to Bunbury, the price of which he promised to refund out of his first week's wages. He was also ordered to write regularly to the department giving all particulars about himself and his financial position, and was told that if he appeared in the Court again he would go to gaol.

Whose Bacon?—At the City Court yesterday Andrew Kairi, a Russian, was charged with having been found in the unlawful possession of a side of bacon, reasonably suspected of being stolen property. P.c. Jamieson said that with the aid of an electric torch, he discovered accused in bare feet, his boots in his pockets, standing in the door of a shop. He had a side of bacon under his arm. On being questioned, Kairi, who was slightly under the in-

ed, Kairi, who was slightly under the influence of liquor, replied that he had bought the bacon. Spoken to later, he maintained that he bought it in Barrackstreet. The P.M. remarked that there could not be very many shops in Barrackstreet where bacon could be bought, and asked the police to make further inquiries, there being just a possibility that accused did not steal the bacon. Accused was remanded till this morning.

Prior to Bankruptcy.—At the City Court yesterday Frederic Albert Jones was charged with having, on December 30 last, fraudulently removed part of his property, a Hudson motor car, having within four months afterwards become a bankrupt. Mr. Moss asked for an adjournment. Mr. A. G. Unmack opposed the request, mentioning that his client was now in gaol because Mr. Moss had refused less bail than two sureties of £200 each. Mr. Moss stated that the prosecution was not prepared to proceed, certain evidence having not yet arrived from South Australia. They had not expected that accused would be arrested in Western Australia, and the time had been shortened by this. The car was worth about £1,000, and large bail was necessary. Mr. Unmack asked for a reduction in the required bail to give Jones a chance to find it. The P.M. declined to lower the amount of the bail, and the case was adjourned for eight days.

Stealing Government Property.—George