

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Mails.—A mail for South Africa will close at the G.P.O., Perth, to-day at 2.30 p.m. At noon a mail for Jawa, Singapore, China, and Japan will be despatched.

Suburban Re-laying Operations.—A railway advertisement in this issue notifies that at 1.30 p.m. to-day (Tuesday) the north platform at West Leederville station will again be brought into use, and all passengers will require to join and alight from trains there. The south side platform will be out of use until further notice.

Unification of Gauge.—At a meeting of the City Council yesterday an appeal from the Prime Minister was read urging the council to support the proposal for the unification of trunk railway gauges throughout Australia. It was decided to hold over the discussion until the next meeting of the council in order to give councillors an opportunity of perusing the correspondence.

Advertising the State.—The Director of the Tourist and Publicity Bureau (Mr. S. J. Hayward) stated yesterday that he had just completed arrangements for the display of Western Australian posters by every State railway system in Australia on a reciprocal basis. Tourist literature would also be carried free from and to every tourist bureau in the Commonwealth.

The Midland Railway.—Pursuant to the recent deputation which waited on the Acting Premier (Mr. H. P. Cobbatich) with respect to the suggested pur-

batches) with respect to the suggested purchase of the Midland Railway Company's railway and concessions, Messrs. J. S. Denton and C. C. Maley, M's.I.A., called on Mr. Colebatch yesterday morning to ascertain whether a reply had been received from the Premier (Sir James Mitchell) to the cable which the Acting Premier had promised to send in regard to the proposal. They were informed that as yet no reply had been received.

South Beach Improvement.—The Fremantle Municipal Council recently adopted plans of a bathing shed and tea rooms at South Beach, the expenditure on the erection of which was to be about £3,000. At the meeting of the Fremantle Municipal Council held last night the finance committee recommended that the council should not borrow the money required to erect the buildings until the money market was easier. The council, however, considered that the project should be undertaken, if possible, and a motion that the matter of raising a loan should be referred back to the committee was carried.

Alleged Attempted Suicide.—Late last night the Fremantle police received an urgent call to the Immigrants' Home. Sergeant Cassidy went to the institution, and he was directed to the rear, where he was shown a returned soldier named Adolph Leopold Drager, suffering from a gunshot wound in the left breast. The police officer was informed that Drager had attempted to shoot himself with a small calibre revolver. Under police supervision Drager was removed to the Fremantle Hospital, where he was examined. He was detained for treatment, and from the meagre details

examined. He was admitted for treatment, and from the meagre details available last night it is understood that a search had been made for the bullet. The hospital authorities would not comment upon Drager's condition. The police had no information of the unfortunate man.

Bunbury Tourist Activities.—The people of Bunbury intend to vitalise their programme for entertaining tourists during next holiday season. The Director of the State Tourist and Publicity Bureau (Mr. S. J. Hayward) referred yesterday to his visit last week to Bunbury. "A rattling good meeting," on Thursday night, under the auspices of the local Traders' and Tourist Association, had decided to establish a tourist bureau at the seaport, near to the railway station. The association will organise motor and river trips to points of interest outside Bunbury, while an informative leaflet will be printed for distribution in Perth. It is probable that Bunbury will follow Geraldton's example, where those interested in "boosting" the town as a tourist resort wear a special badge. The wearer of such an emblem regards it as his duty to help tourists enjoy themselves during their stay in his town.

Fruit Hawkers' Stands.—Considerable discussion arose at yesterday's meeting of the City Council out of a motion by Cr. Berryman to rescind the following resolution relating to fruit hawkers passed on January 23 last: "That the existing stands in Wellington-street be allowed to remain as at present to within one month of the removal of the Existing Lines building." Cr. Berryman's motion embodied the abolition of all hawkers' and carriers' stands