

PERTH POLICE COURT.

(Thursday.—Before Mr. T. F. Davies, P.M.)

A Cool Change.—Leonard Forde (37) was charged with the theft of a felt hat, the property of Joe Felipor. The latter stated that he was a Russian and his story, delivered in broken English, proved somewhat difficult to follow. He managed to convey that he was in Weld-square on Tuesday evening, when the accused came up to the seat he occupied and, remarking "Excuse me," took witness's hat off his head, left his own in exchange, and walked off. On the following day witness saw Forde in the bar of the Great Western Hotel, wearing his (witness's) hat. Witness recovered his own headgear, giving accused his, and when accused left the hotel witness followed him. P.c. McGillvary deposed that he saw Forde running up Roe-street, followed by Felipor. He made inquiries and arrested the accused. The latter's version of the matter was that, awaking from a sleep in Russell-square, he found a hat beside him, and took possession of it. After the incident in the hotel he ran away from Felipor, because the latter was very excitable and he (accused) did not want a scene. The Magistrate found that Felipor's story was corroborated by the action of Forde in running away. Accused was fined 30s., with 10s. costs, in default seven days' hard labour.

An Offence at Cottesloe.—Prosecuted at the instance of the Cottesloe Municipal Council, William Gallon was fined 5s., with 10s. 3d. costs, for having swum his horse in the sea near the jetty. It was stated that the spot selected by defendant was opposite the bathing sheds. A large number of people were about at the time.

An Unclean Back-yard.—Saul Epstein, occupier of the Moana Cafe, Hay-street, was charged, at the instance of the local Board of Health, with having permitted his premises to be so unclean as to be in-

was presumed to be so unclean as to be injurious to health. Inspector Sheldon said that when he inspected the rear of the premises on the afternoon of March 1, he found, in the yard, the firewood littered all over the place, interspersed with all kinds of rubbish. He found a box full of rubbish including stuff that should have been placed in a metal bin. The grease-trap had apparently not been touched for some time and the smell "nearly knocked him over." Defendant said he did not wish to dispute the statements of the inspector. It was the duty of one of his employees to look after the yard, and he had been "sacked" for having failed in his duty. A number of other premises abutted on to the yard in question, and their occupiers threw stuff therein, and he (defendant) "got the blame for everything." A fine of £2, with £1 4s. costs, was imposed.

Unwholesome Food.—John Cowell was charged with having, on January 7, delivered to Thos. Tate and Co., auctioneers, for sale, 15 1lb. packets of dried apples (Jack brand), and a 7lb. jar of jam, which food was unwholesome. Defendant admitted that the articles had been sent for sale, but questioned the apples being unwholesome. Inspector Adam gave evidence that the apples contained weevils, and the packets showed a large deposit from them. The jam was in a fermented condition and there was a fungus growth on the top. Dr. Seed, district health officer, who condemned the foods, also gave evidence. Defendant said he purchased the apples from the United Stores. They were not "new stuff," but last season's fruit, and he knew at the time that there were one or two weevils in the packages, but these could have been brushed off. Weevils always appeared in "Jack" apples after a very little time, especially in Western Australia. A fine of £2, with £3 6s. costs, was imposed.