

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Potter's Art.—Practical demonstrations of the potter's art have been arranged in connection with the exhibition of the industrial clays of the State and articles made therefrom now open in the hall of the Council of Industrial Development in Barrack-street. A potter's wheel, the property of Messrs. Mills and Co., will be in operation to-day from noon till 2 p.m., and also on Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

An Estate Repurchased.—It was announced yesterday by the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. H. K. Maley) that Cabinet had that morning decided to purchase the Menang Estate, near Mullewa, from Messrs. Willis and Routledge. The estate comprises 6,000 acres, all first class forest country and the price to be paid is 30s. per acre, including improvements. The estate will be used for soldier settlement.

Sequel to a Motor Collision.—In the Supreme Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Burnside, the hearing of the action in which Mrs. Marguerite May Blythe, of Maylands, claimed £138 19s. 9d. from Joseph L. Weir, motor car owner, of Fremantle, and defendant counterclaimed £116 13s. 2d. from the plaintiff, was concluded. The case arose out of a collision that occurred between motor cars owned by the parties at the intersection of Edward-street and Queen Victoria-street, Fremantle, on December 29 last. After hearing addresses by Mr. J. P. Dwyer (for the defendant) and Sir Walter James, K.C. (for the plaintiff) his Honour reserved his decision.

Kicked by a Horse.—James Joseph O'Connor (56), married, of 45 Cleaver-street, was admitted to the Perth Hospital yesterday afternoon to receive treatment for a depressed fracture of the base of the skull and extensive scalp injuries. It appears from the report

of which amounted to 46 5s.

James Edward Douglas (29), married, of 144 Newcastle-street, was brought to the city last night and admitted to the Perth Hospital suffering from injuries to the back, and probably to the spine. It appears that Douglas was struck in the back by a railway trolley while working upon the line at Bencubbin ten days ago, since when he had been an inmate of the Wyalcatchem Hospital. It was learned last night that he was making satisfactory progress.

Adolph Leopold Drager, who was admitted to the Fremantle Hospital on Monday night for the treatment of a bullet wound in the chest, was reported yesterday to be in a precarious condition. The injury is alleged to have been self-inflicted. By means of the X rays, the hospital doctors located the bullet in the back of the chest, but, owing to Drager's condition an operation to extract the bullet could not be undertaken. The revolver, found near Drager, was of seven-chamber pattern and of .22 calibre.

Last evening the Fire Brigade ambulance was summoned to the Central Railway Station, and conveyed to Nurse Binet's private hospital William Spurge (75) and Arthur Spurge (19), the former suffering from extensive head and facial injuries, and the latter from a fractured leg and shock. The police report relates that the injured men, who were brought from Harvey, were driving in a sulky when the horse took fright and bolted, capsizing the vehicle and throwing its occupants heavily to the ground.

The annual R.S.L. ball will take place in the North Fremantle Town Hall on Tuesday next the 27th inst., when a repetition of last year's enjoyable function is anticipated. The ladies' social committee is as energetic as ever and the services of Miss D. Carter have again been secured to carry the responsibilities of