

EGGS AT MUTCH

ROWDY SCENES AT BOTANY

SYDNEY, Sunday.

Disgraceful scenes were witnessed at Botany on Friday night at a political meeting convened by Mr. Mutch (Independent Labour). There were many fights between supporters of Mr. Mutch and Mr. Hoffman, and speakers were subjected to continued interruption. The affair reached a climax when an egg was hurled at the Mutch platform. The man who threw the egg was promptly arrested and taken to the police station, where a charge was preferred against him. Several other eggs were thrown later, but the crowd was too dense for the police to effect any arrest.

Earlier in the evening a marquee erected by the Mutch supporters was burned down. The police suspected that the fire was deliberately caused.

At the Central Police Court yesterday Edward Beglot (40), a fitter, was fined £2 or 21 days' imprisonment for having behaved in an offensive manner at South Kensington on Friday night. It was alleged that he took part in counting out the speakers and threw eggs, one of which hit Mr. Mutch. Bartholomew Foster (30), a carpenter, was fined £1 or seven days for having thrown a missile at the same meeting.

Mr. T. D. Mutch has offered a reward of £50 for information which will lead to the conviction of the persons who assaulted his campaign organiser, H. S. Nagel, at Botany on Friday night.

ELECTION WRITS

Election writs now total £111,000. The latest issued is one by the president of the Albury A.L.P., Mr. J. Salmon, claiming £5000 damages for alleged libel against the "Border Morning Mail," Albury.