

METEOROLOGICAL.

The barometrical and other readings, as taken at Messrs Carter and Weiner's establishment, were as follows:—Barometer—9 a.m., 30.175; 3 p.m., 30.163; 6 p.m., 30.163. Moisture—9 a.m., 75 per cent.; 3 p.m., 65 per cent.; 6 p.m., 75 per cent.

The State Attorney-General says that the Government has not seriously considered the question of introducing a measure to provide for appeals to a higher court in criminal cases. The Minister went on to state that the Government intended to introduce at an early date a Bill to provide for the appointment of a public prosecutor. The functions of this officer would be to thoroughly investigate all cases that might be brought under his notice, whether by the police or the public, and to advise the Attorney-General regarding them. As Mr Brown previously explained, the officer would be a man of some standing in the legal profession, possessed of a judicial mind. For his services to the State he would be paid an adequate salary.

The universal half-holiday question was discussed at the meeting of the Trades Hall Council last night, the conversation being instigated by Mr Love, who moved that steps be taken to revive the agitation for a Saturday half-holiday for the Ballarat district. The subject was enthusiastically taken up by several members, and Mr Pearce suggested that the signatures of all workers of the various unions be obtained in support of the proposal. Mr Martin considered that very little difficulty would be encountered in arranging for a universal holiday in Ballarat. The present system of three half-holidays for the different trades assisted in the evasion of the Factories Act and trades minimising, that he thought that the Saturday holiday would be helpful to the compulsory military training system. On the motion of Mr Loan, seconded by Mr Merlin, it was decided to communicate with the several public bodies, and the two mayors, with a view to arranging a conference.

The committee of the Ballarat Creche finding the house now occupied by them too small for the work they are now doing, will remove on Wednesday next to more commodious premises in Yuille street, where they can accommodate more children, having a most spacious verandah and play ground. Mothers wishing to do their work, or shopping, may leave their children any time during the day, and they will be taken care of by the matron, at a cost of 3d. The premises being larger than are required for creche purposes, the committee would be pleased to let some of the upstairs rooms to any girls who might require a room.

Active preparations for the next session of the Federal Parliament have not yet been commenced, but Ministers are in a quiet way, preparing for the Cabinet Bills which it is known are to be introduced. Among these are—Arbitration and Conciliation Act Amend-

ment Bill, Commonwealth Banking Bill, Port Augusta (S.A.) to Kalgoorlie (W.A.) Railway Construction Bill, Companies Corporations Bill, A Bankruptcy Bill, Public Service Act Amendment Bill, Navigation Bill, Seamen's Compensation Act Amendment Bill, Electoral Act Amendment Bill, Redistribution of Seats. Parliament is to be opened on Tuesday, August 29, or Tuesday, September 5, by the New Governor-General Lord Denman. The date will not be definitely settled until Mr Fisher returns to Australia, next month. By that time Ministers will have several of the important Bills in skeleton form for the Cabinet to complete.

The steamer Marathon, which has on board a number of settlers for this State, is due on Monday. The newcomers include 13 nominated families, comprising 39 souls, three single men approved by the Agent-General, and ten "delegation" families consisting of 23 souls. A fair proportion of the immigrants are of working age. As already announced, the Wilcannia, with 136 new settlers, is also expected on Monday.

Reference was made at last night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council by Mr J. Elsworth to the exploitation of the wages board determinations by employers generally. He considered that there was no necessity to increase the price of meat by 1d per pound when one-tenth of a penny would easily account for the higher wages. The matter was also referred to by Mr C. M'Grath, M.L.A., who said that the wages were fixed on the price of commodities at the time of the sitting of the board, and a reasonable profit was allowed, so that there was no necessity to increase the price of goods. He considered that as soon as an increase was made the wages board should be called together again. The price of commodities had not been raised to meet the wages board. In America, where they had no Conciliation or Arbitration Courts, or no wages boards, the price of goods had been raised by 30 per cent. during recent years, and in Australia the increase was only from 15 to 20 per cent.

In the City Police Court yesterday Mr Goldsmith, P.M., heard a matter under the Dairy Supervision Act, R. Ralph being charged with not holding a milk and dairy license, as required by the Act. A. J. Ross, Government Dairy Supervisor, said the defendant was a slaughterman of Bungaree. Witness had found him carrying on dairying, with four cows. Harry Moore, officer of the Department, gave evidence that the defendant had never held a license, and John Hussey, butter factory manager, said he had bought cream from the defendant. The latter pleaded that the inspectors had been to his place, and had never spoken to him about carrying on dairying. He had only sold surplus cream. A fine of £1 was imposed, with £3 3s costs.

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Knight, the octogenarian who was locked up on Thursday night by his own special request, is not the penniless "dead-beat" he made himself out to be. The charge against him was that of vagrancy. Constable Cone, City Watch-house-keeper, said the old man came to the watchhouse, and said he had been sent there to get a bed by the sergeant. Witness locked him up on a charge of vagrancy, but that morning he had found that the defendant was an old age pensioner, and that he had received a payment on the 29th June last. He, therefore, asked that the charge be withdrawn. The bench agreed to do so, on the old fellow promising to go to the Benevolent Asylum.

Several orders relating to wages boards matters were passed yesterday at the meeting of the State Executive Council. Mr E. Campbell was appointed a representative of employers on the Boilermakers' Board, vice Mr J. C. Johnson, resigned; and Mr W. J. Proctor a representative of employers on the Rubber Trade Board, vice Mr R. Garland, resigned.

In an interview with the officials of the Education Department during the week, Mr F. J. Martell, Director of the School of Mines, gathered the impression that the course most likely to be pursued in connection with the proposed new buildings is the demolition of the old museum adjoining the main building and the erection of the new art school in its place. The Department is evidently not favorable to the art quarters being placed at the

rear of the old building. It has been suggested. In any case it is almost certain that the advice of the Director of Education will be taken as to the improvement and beautification of the rear portion of the premises. The chief architect to the Department has been instructed to make an estimate of the cost of erecting the art building. As far as can be ascertained, it is the intention of the Department to devote the front portion of the new building to art and trade classes and the back portion to the purposes of a museum.

The two young men who were arrested by Constable Stephens at Ballarat on Saturday with the disappearance of several overcoats from various places in Ballarat were brought before Messrs A. Levy and A. J. Pittard, J.P.s, at the Town Court yesterday morning. Both the defendants, whose names are William Stokes and Edward Haru, arrived in Ballarat a fortnight ago from Tasmania, where they had been working. During their stay in Ballarat they visited several places of amusement, and evidently became acquainted with the situation of the dressing-rooms. Both the accused were stylishly dressed, and their attitude while in the court, and the mannerly way in which they addressed the Bench and the several witnesses, suggested that they were in a class above ordinary thieves, and the justices, in fixing the sentence, did not overlook their respectable appearance. From the evidence adduced, it appears that the young men were companions in the thefts. After an overcoat had been stolen by either one of the couple he

stolen by either one of the couple he would hand it over to his companion to dispose of, and in this way five overcoats were stolen and sold. The owners of the coats—Messrs W. H. Benson, C. Morris, J.P., L. Carbis, Highway, and C. Mitchell—gave evidence of identification, and Mr Esler Kleinman, who purchased some of the property, gave an account of the transaction. In reply to the Bench both the accused stated that they had never stooped to thieving before, and Stokes pleaded as an excuse for his action that he had no money. Four charges were preferred against each of the defendants, who pleaded guilty. In announcing the decision of the Bench, Mr Levy intimated that a request would be made to have the offenders kept separate from the other prisoners. A sentence of seven days was imposed on each charge, and after the justice had concluded his remarks, Stokes politely thanked the Bench.

A meeting of the secretaries of the trades unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council, convened by the controlling body, was held recently, for the purpose of suggesting amendments to certain portions of the Factories Act. An association was formed, the officers of the Trades Council were appointed to the various offices, and it was decided to hold meetings monthly. Similar action is being taken in Melbourne, and it was decided to cooperate in any action that the metropolitan body takes. A brief report was submitted to the Trades and Labor Council last night, when the secretary (Mr J. Kean) stated that the determinations would be of much importance to them as a Trades Union Council.

The dull routine of the city clerk's courts was brightened yesterday morning by a bit of genuine humor. An elderly person, who is seeking a pension, explained to the officials that he had duly notified the Deputy Commissioner of Old Age Pensions that his wife had recently done some nursing, and asked that the commissioner had asked him to give the address of the last person she had nursed. "Did you do so?" asked the clerk. "Yes," replied the applicant, gravely; "I told him it was the Old Cemetery!"

The fortnightly meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held at the Trades Hall last night. Correspondence was received from Mr T. C. Cornelle, of Italian Gully, stating that as he had secured employment at some distance from Ballarat, he would resign his position as the representative of the Miners' Association on the council. The new president, Mr W. Harrison, was welcomed to the chair by Mr J. Elsworth, who hoped that the new officer's term would be as enjoyable as his own had been. They laid the foundation of very nearly a new organization during the year, and the delegates would recognize that they were entering on a new era of trades unionism. The time was ripe for renewed activity, and he was sure the operation of trades organization would be furthered in directions not thought of in the past. The new president was fully alive, competent and

thought of in the past. The new president was fully alive, competent and willing, and as he was an enthusiastic trades unionist, their interests would be safely piloted in his hands. Mr E. Pearce (vice-president) also welcomed the new president, and stated that quietness was not conducive to progress. Orderly meetings were all right, but a bit of a row was good occasionally if there was something at the end of it. The president returned thanks, and then extended a welcome to the vice-president, who made a suitable response.

A combined rally of the Ballarat branches of the C.E.M.S. was held last night at St. Paul's, Ballarat East, when an earnest and thoughtful address was given by Mr A. Jameson, M.A., the national secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Taking as his subject "The Practical Duty of Men in the Church," the speaker pointed out the three principal ways in which the spirit of service could be expressed—in study, prayer, and work. The address was most appreciatively listened to, and at the close Mr Jameson was heartily thanked. The Rev. H. O. Russell presided over the meeting.

At a meeting of the State Executive Council yesterday, Messrs T. H. Friday, of Barwise, and John K. Anderson, of Germantown, were appointed justices of the peace. Authority was also given for the extension of the determination of the Carters' Board to the Borough of Eaglehawk.

The following diocesan notes appear in the current issue of the Ballarat "Church Chronicle":—Owing to the Bishop's absence from Ballarat on pastoral visitation during the whole of August, no meeting of the bishop-in-council will be held in that month. The council will meet on the usual day (Thursday, 20th) this month. The Rev. E. A. Crawford, B.A., vicar of St. Andrew's, Brighton, has resigned his post as examining chaplain to the Bishop. The Bishop has invited the Rev. W. Dalton to be his successor. The Dean's mission to the diocese has terminated with a net result of £979, to which should be added £500 paid through the Bishop, and given solely for St. Aidan's. This makes a grand total of £1479, as the outcome of the scheme authorized by last synod. The grammar school receives £530, and St. Aidan's, after paying a debt of £312 due on the existing structure, has £630 available towards the necessary new buildings. Included in the amounts sent through the Bishop is a generous gift of £200 from Mr J. O. Manifold, of Tallindert, Camperdown, which adds another to the long list of benefactions received from this loyal family of churchmen.

The yield of gold for June was 44,536 oz gross, or 41,065 oz fine, valued at £174,433. Compared with the amount won during June of last year, a decrease of 8258 oz fine has occurred. The yield for the last six months was 262,896 oz gross, or 242,355 oz fine, valued at £1,032,702. This shows a decrease of 22,602 oz fine compared with the quantity raised during the corresponding period of last year.

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Major Semmens, Chief Inspector of Fisheries; Mr Donald McDonald, Maww Holloway, Col. Williams, Lieut. Col. Greenfield, and others were present at the fish hatcheries at the Acclimatization Society's shed yesterday to witness the stripping of fish. Major Semmens and Mr McDonald came to Ballarat at the invitation of the Acclimatization Society. Mr C. Taylor, secretary of the society; Mr C. E. King, president of the

Ballarat Anglers' Club, and Mr T. the Fisher, manager of the Eccildunne hatcheries, were also present. The victims were first taken to the windmill pond, where the net was drawn, and a number of fish were taken from the lake. The stock ponds were netted also, and some splendid specimens of browns and rainbow trout were exposed. A number of the fish were stripped and the eggs put on the grilles, which now carry about 250,000 ova. The party were entertained at lunch at Craig's hotel, and Major Semmens and Mr McDonald left for Melbourne by the evening train.

The first 14 of their order for 300 steel railway trucks for the Victorian Government were turned out yesterday from Cowley's Barrow works. An engine was sent out to haul the new trucks on to the main line, where the brakes, springs, drawbars, etc. were severely tested, and the trucks were thoroughly overhauled by the departmental inspectors, who, it is believed, are well satisfied with the work.

A table compiled in connection with the half-yearly statement of the Ballarat branch of the A.M.E.A., shows that for the term 179 accidents took place, two being fatal, 11 being serious, and 166 not serious. The moneys received from the various mines totalled £663 0s 6d, and the expenditure amounted to £538 8s 4d. Both fatal accidents occurred at the New Normanby mine. At the same mine 31 accidents occurred during the half-year, and the same number took place at the Jubilee. Accidents occurred at other mines as follows:—Victoria United, 24; New Jubilee, 18; New Imperial, 15; North Woah Hawp, 15; New Normanby, 9; Llanberris No. 1, 7; Woah Hawp No. 1, 3; Woah Hawp Canton, 3; Last Chance United, 3; Central Platou, 3; Eastern Star, 2; miscellaneous list, 2; North New Jubilee, 2; Guiding Star, New Robinson, and Star of the East, 1 each. The half-yearly balance-sheet shows that the receipts for the term totalled £1477 14s 7d, including entrance and contribution fees, £663 0s 6d. The expenditure included—Accident allowance, £528 8s 4d; natural causes levies, £150; donations, £105; and fatal accident allowance, £100.

Prizes donated by Mr L. Casper for the highest number of marks gained by scholars attending the Macarthur street State school at the monthly examinations for April, May, and June were yesterday presented to the winners by Mr J. Northcott, chairman of the school committee. The winners were—Sixth class, Lily Bell and Cecil Provis; fifth class, Morris Muntz and Nina Blakely. Additional prizes for general proficiency, given by Messrs M'Leod and A. M'Williams and Miss Morrison, were won by Nellie Fitzpatrick and Edna M'Cartney, sixth class, and Doris Barwick and Roy

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The planting of cyprus trees around the ground at the Macarthur street State school, which was commenced on Arbor Day, was completed yesterday afternoon, members of the school committee and a number of ladies interested in the school taking part. Messrs Davis and Holmes did the carpentry work.

The whole of the day was taken up at the Ballarat County Court yesterday with the further hearing of the action *Ross v Kiel*, and the evidence was all tendered just before the adjournment. The jury expressed a desire to view the locality where the accident occurred at Learmonth, and they were taken out in motor-cars. As Acting Judge Neighbour had to go to Melbourne last evening, it was decided to finish the case on Monday.

Snow's furnishing sale commences this morning, and if yesterday's numerous enquiries and the crowds that inspected the magnificent window display through the day and at night may be taken as a criterion, all past records will be easily eclipsed. Snow's sales have gained an enviable reputation for genuine and liberal reductions, and the only difference between this sale and its predecessors is that the assortments are larger and the reductions greater. A visit today will surely convince you that the one and only place to buy furniture, furnishings, carpets, linoleums, crockery, glassware, etc., is "Snow's," where shopping touches the pulse but lightly.

Annual meeting British and Foreign Bible Society, City Hall, Monday next, 8 p.m. Mr W. Kennedy Smith, B.A., lectures on "Where the Crescent Rules." Revs. W. Dalton and H. J. Ham, and Mr F. G. Bartley will deliver addresses. Hymn sheets provided. Collection.

Harry Davies and Co.'s winter sale will commence this morning, and a tremendous rush is anticipated, so that ladies will be well advised to shop early. If solid genuine reductions and wonderfully low prices have any attractions, a record sale is a certainty. Harry's say never before have such ridiculously cheap lines of fresh goods been offered to the public, and liberal concessions are made throughout the store. Extra assistants having been engaged, customers can rely on being smartly served. The firm state that the crowds that thronged their warehouse yesterday morning are the best indication of the astonishing values offered.

Tyler's announce to the public that they will to-day offer some very special lines in ladies' coats. These garments have been marked at extremely low prices, in some instances much below cost. The firm have placed the most of these goods in their front windows, marked at prices that must effect a speedy clearance. Anyone in need of a good warm winter coat will do well to pay them a visit this morning.

Messrs Williams the shoemen notify that fresh consignments from the salvage sale by auction of the stock of M'Murtrie and Co. Ltd., are arriving every week at their warehouse. This week some special values are being opened up, and the firm state that the best lines appear to have been left to the last in the sale, and these lines are well worthy of the attention of boot buyers.

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Gordon Bros., the seedmen and produce merchants, of Armstrong street, claim to have the largest and best display of hedge plants, cypress, pine, sugar gums, wattles, all kinds of pot plants, vegetable and flower seeds ever attempted in Ballarat. The season is now on, and buyers should not miss the opportunity of getting seeds fresh from the different growers, and shrubs and plants that will grow.

Faul's boot and shoe store 63 Bridge street, Ballarat, state that for child's school and every day boots they are unobtainable, and mothers will find a visit to the tag sale of great advantage to them. They are also showing a splendid variety of ladies' footwear.

W. Hamer, Armstrong street, states that he has just received a new consignment of the latest picture mouldings and mounts; also sale prices prevail in wallpapers, fringes, etc.

Morsehead's, gents' and ladies' tailor and clothier, 5 Bridge street, advises those who are proposing having a smart dress suit for the coming fall, not to delay longer ordering. This firm knows how to make dress suits, and the selection of materials is numerous. Ladies' costumes are a big feature with them. A special sale of men's and boys' ready-to-wear clothing is now on, and a rare opportunity is offered of saving money. The hat section is well stocked with latest styles.

The great success of the men's service at the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church last Sunday evening has led the men to decide to hold a special song service every Sunday, at 6.45, commencing to-morrow evening. The services will be conducted by the Rev. J. Lloyd Haslam and Mr J. West Lau.

The voters' lists of the Shire of Bun-garae will be open for inspection at places advertised between the 8th and 14th days of July.

A public meeting will be held in the Wallace Public Hall on Friday next, at 8, when Mr W. Freeman Nett will deliver an address on "Pig Raising," and Mr E. J. Newton will lecture on "The Marketing of Potatoes, and Co-operation as regards the Bacon Industry of the Farmer."

Cheap meat is offered by Mr T. H. Richards, butcher, Main street, opposite Haymarket, who has already achieved fame for quality and cheapness.

The combined Liberal League will meet on Monday night, at the committee rooms, Mechanics' Institute, at 8.

The Co-operative Bakers' Society will hold a special meeting to-night, at 8.30.

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the City of Ballarat may be inspected are published in our advertising columns this morning.

The Ballarat Trustees, Executors and Agency Company notify that persons having claims against the estate of Mr Theo. Kiffott, late of Ballarat, 101, Botham street, must send particulars to the office, Camp street.

Mr Baird, the cheap butcher of Armstrong street, just below Snow's, claims to have an excellent assortment of joints, at particularly low prices. Small goods are made a speciality of, and a call would be well repaid.

Fox skins to the number of 100 dozen are required by the Co-operative Fishermen's Association, Humphray street, Ballarat East. Ten tons of rabbit skins

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To-day Mr George Vaudroy will open an up-to-date dairy produce business at 78 Bridge street. Only the best and freshest goods will be stocked, and the public are invited to leave a trial order.

Mr G. Kennedy will deliver a lecture, Australian Weather Forecasting, illustrated with limelight views, on Monday night at 8.30, at City Fire Brigade, under the auspices of Loyal Victoria Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F. Open to all.

The Ballarat District Coursing Club will hold a meeting at the Essex Pad-dock this afternoon. Events for grey-hounds and fox-terriers. Starting at 3 o'clock.

Courthard's Ballarat Business College, the school for big results, has vacancies, day and night, for new students to be trained for positions in city offices.

Cowdell, Tonner and Ellis notify that a special feature of their sale to-day will be the still further reductions on sale prices. The firm doubts if ever such good values were seen before. Every department has been carefully and systematically gone through, with the result that many hundreds of pounds worth of winter goods have been sacrificed as far as profit is concerned. The re-pricing operations have been carried out under the personal supervision of the proprietors, and the promised reductions quoted on their circular will be multiplied a hundred times at the store to-day. Cowdell, Tonner and Ellis recognize the fact that a critical public looks to-day for the fulfilment of promises made in advertisements, and being fully conscious of the fact, they have spared no effort to-day to win the unanimous approval of the Ballarat and district buyers, by giving unusually good value at their sale.

Tunbridge's invites furniture buyers to inspect the special values they announce in every department of house furnishings. The firm also are clearing out a number of odd lines of Ax-minster and Brussels carpets, linoleums, and floorcloths, at exactly half ordinary prices, and say that buyers can be certain of getting great value at the arcade to-day.

Another supply of Leach's "Australian Bird Book" has been opened at Ewins' Book Store. The fine book is certainly worth seeing. The colored illustrations are a special feature.

The last days for the sale of tickets in Miss Coxon's art union are advertised; they are obtainable only at Mrs Pobjoy's. Date of drawing will be announced shortly.

Ladies' Art Association juvenile plain and fancy dress ball, City Hall, Monday, 17th July. Tickets, 2s 6d, obtainable from Mr J. W. Scott, chemist.

Mr Bodey, veterinary surgeon, etc., may be consulted daily at Willis' hotel, opposite Haymarket, Devonon street north.

William Little and Co., general ship-ping agents, book passengers to all ports. Information at their Lydiard street office.

The very artistic and beautiful exhibit of modern photography at Richards and Co.'s studio, attracts a great deal of en-thusiastic praise. Much variety and ar-tistic finish in photography is shown.

A sale of work and exhibition of mis-sionary curios will be opened in St. Paul's Parish Hall, on Tuesday evening, and will be continued on Wednesday. The Rev. H. F. Miller, of Melbourne, will explain the curios, and on Wednes-day will deliver a lantern lecture. Pro-

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