

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Fire burnt through a partition, damaged a window, kitchen dresser, some linoleum, and other articles at the premises occupied by Mrs. A. G. Ivison, as a dairy produce and confectionery shop, in Hampshire Road, Sunshine, about 2.50 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The loss is covered by insurance. Messrs. J. Richards, W. Hardy, Lloyd Sutton, Albert Ellis, and others had the fire under control when the brigade arrived. No one was on the premises at the time of the outbreak. Mrs. Ivison was ironing some clothes before going out, and it is believed that the current was not turned off, because the fire seems to have started just where the iron was left standing.

Richard Howard, a gentleman with an excellent taste in poultry, who had been arrested at Williamstown on Friday morning, 28th ult., shortly after two residents of Duke Street, Messrs. Sullivan and Russell, reported raids on their feathered stock, was brought before a Werribee bench on Monday, and sentenced to 18 months' gaol on charges of larceny and illegally using a horse and jinker. Howard will not now grace the Sunshine dock, but the raided poultry-owners will get their stock returned.

The Horticultural Society's spring show will be held in the Masonic Hall to-day (Saturday). Flower lovers, as well as the general public, will find the exhibition well worthy of inspection. The former will benefit by seeing the best specimens of what they are interested in, and may gain much information from other growers, whilst the latter will be able to reflect upon the beauty of color,

to reflect upon the beauty of color, and the variety of form produced by the labors of local amateurs. The society is working amidst many difficulties to produce a flower conscience, and it is worthy of all support. Mr. B. M. Challen is president, and Mr. W. Lowman secretary, and both will be glad to welcome old and new friends at the show.

Fred. and George Whelehan, of Station Parade, with ten others, including some Maltese, held Trivalve in Tattersall's consultation. The win was duly celebrated on Tuesday night. A sixpenny investment that brings a return of £416/10/- is hard to beat.

Amongst those who have profited by the consultation on the Melbourne Cup are the following: Miss G. Brennan, pantrymaid, Hotel Orient, Malop Street, Geelong, £1000; W. Nettleton, driver, Brunswick City Council, £400; D. J. Harpaney, Murrayville, £100.

The annual demonstration in connection with the Sunshine Technical School, will be held at the Town Hall on Thursday evening next, at eight o'clock, when the distribution of prizes and certificates won by the students will be made. Invitations are issued, and will, no doubt, be eagerly availed of, for the Technical School is one of the institutions of which Sunshine can properly feel proud. Under the principalship of Mr. Geo. Baxter, it has a drawing power that results in many students coming here from distant centres, whilst its work—namely, the training of future leaders and executives of trade and industry—may be regarded as distinctly patriotic.

The house party held on Wednesday night at the residence of Cr. and Mrs. Dempster, in aid of the Bray-

Mrs. Dempster, in aid of the Braybrook State School Comforts' Fund, was a pronounced success, socially and financially. The evening was devoted to euchre, billiards, and music, but dancing was tabu on account of the crowded rooms. A large number of visitors came from Sunshine, Maidstone, and other centres. The euchre prizes were won by the following:—Lady's first, Miss Coakes; gent.'s first, Mr. Coakes, jnr.; special prize, Miss Baxter. The host and hostess were the recipients of many congratulations on the happy arrangements made for the entertainment of the guests.

A broken leg, fractured skull and intense shock were injuries sustained on Tuesday by Leo Frederick McNulty, 21 years, jockey, Rupert Street, North Fitzroy, as a result of a head-on collision between the bicycle he was riding and a motor van loaded with picnickers, driven by John Bolitho, Hampshire Road, Sunshine. According to statements obtained by Constable Laird, of West Footscray, McNulty was riding his

bicycle west along Barkly Street, Footscray, at 11 a.m., when he collided head-on with the motor van travelling in the opposite direction. The wreckage of the bicycle was impaled on the radiator of the van. McNulty was thrown unconscious on the roadway. The Footscray ambulance removed him to the Melbourne Hospital, where he was admitted in a serious condition.

Sunshine Presbyterians are having a "Go-to-Church" Sunday to-morrow

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of a great gross weight than three tons on Tuesday. Truck drivers made full use of it up to that date.

The Loyal Sunshine Lodge held a euchre party on Thursday night, when the prizes were won by Mrs F. Guy (set of aluminium saucepans); Master F. Coakes (handbag); consolation, Mrs Holman (dish); Mr C. Day (tin of tobacco).

Abrasions on the ribs and arms, necessitating a spell in bed under the watchful care of Dr C. J. Tonkin, were the injuries sustained by George Roach, keeper at the Albion railway gates, on Wednesday morning, when a car, driven by Fred Lee, a Caulfield importer, struck the gate that Mr Roach was in the act of opening. Mr Lee, it is stated, considers that Mr Roach was too slow, whilst Mr Roach believes that Mr Lee was too fast.

An apron, disposed of at the Mothers' Club Fair, was won by Mrs Allison. Will the winner please apply for the prize?

Vincent John O'Brien, formerly well known in Sunshine, was found guilty, on Tuesday, of having embezzled £165, whilst employed by E. W. Torr, estate agent, East Kew.

Cr. Reg. Barclay, whose favorite form of recreation is coursing, has disposed of a dog, with a pedigree that goes back to antiquity, to a New South Wales buyer at a satisfactory price, £35, to be precise. He has another courser, which may be obtained at a still higher figure.

Local Presbyterians announce a Highland Fair, at the Town Hall, to be opened on Friday, 11th inst., by Mr. Cecil McKay. The fair will close on the following day, when, it is hoped, there will have been a complete clearance of the various stalls. The Sunshine Pipe Band, which is heard all too seldom, will be in at-

heard all too seldom, will be in attendance on both evenings. Mrs. E. S. Marchant is hon. secretary, and will be glad to hear from friends and well-wishers.

There was a peaceful invasion of Sunshine on Saturday night, when a party of Prestonians, former soldiers and friends, were entertained by the Sunshine branch of the R.S.S. League at their club rooms. The visitors were formally welcomed by President Dan Perry and Secretary H. Foxcroft. The evening was devoted to dancing and billiards, and a merry time was spent. Downing's orchestra furnished the music. An excellent supper was served and the visitors, who were enthusiastic in their praise of the arrangements made for their entertainment, left for home about midnight.

William Reid Greig, a school teacher, of Cornwall Road, Sunshine, appealed to the State Full Court on Tuesday against a decision of the Chief Justice in a suit brought by him against his wife, Edith Greig, of Chrnside Street, West Footscray. Greig asked for divorce on the ground of desertion. Mrs. Greig denied desertion. She said she left the house where she was living with her husband because the latter's father had struck her. The parties were married in September, 1906, and there are five children. The Chief Justice dismissed the petition, stating that he was not satisfied that legal desertion by the wife had been proved. Petitioner appealed, on the grounds that the decision of the Chief Justice was wrong in law; that respondent deserted the petitioner, and that petitioner did not consent to such desertion; that the decision was against evidence and weight of evidence, and that on the evidence the petition should not have been dismissed.

The popularity of the Prince of Wales was evidenced by the crowds of people who welcomed him and Prince George on their arrival from National Library of Australia

Prince George on their arrival from Canada. It was raining in torrents when the liner appeared, but there were thousands, damp, but loyal, on the quayside, who cheered lustily when the Princes appeared on the bridge, and waved their bowler hats. The Prince of Wales wore a striped, grey suit, blue shirt, and tie. He had no waistcoat, in spite of the cold weather. He admitted that he was glad to be back home.