

FIRE AT DEER PARK

Empty House Badly Damaged.

Fire, the origin of which has not ascertained, partly destroyed an empty house, one of a group of four, lying back from the Ballarat road, Deer Park, about 1 o'clock on Tuesday night. The property is owned by a Mr. M. M. Reid, a Bendigo man, boarding at Yarraville, and had been occupied for three years until Tuesday morning by Mr. Richardson and family, who removed to Albion to live. The house is insured for £400 in the South British Company.

The blaze was first seen by a passing motorist, who immediately called the occupants of the neighboring houses, and with Mr. Henry O'Brien acting as guide, drove to the fire alarm near the leather cloth factory. The Sunshine fire brigade was soon on the scene and a hose was run from a hydrant on the opposite side of the Ballarat road.

The damage done to the property was considerable as the three back rooms were completely gutted, while the two front rooms were badly damaged, as also was the fence. The fibro plaster walls evidently helped to save the building being completely destroyed.

Sewerage Tenders Called.

The Metropolitan Board of Works called for tenders for the first section on Thursday. The Board has men working in Ormond street, off Wright street, where it is proposed to erect a pumping station on land acquired by the Board. Many men are reported to be arriving in the district with a view to qualifying as National Library of Australia

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Jumping the Rattler.

When a heavily laden freight train passed through Sunshine on Wednesday afternoon, special inquiry officers saw some men board the trucks. On arrival at Diggers' Rest a search was made, and Jeffrey William Millar, aged 18 years, was found in a truck in close proximity to an opened passion fruit case. Millar appeared at the Sunshine Court on Thursday, charged with having been found in an inclosed yard without lawful excuse. Messrs. G. W. Pennell and Edgar Hargreaves Js. P. were on the bench. He pleaded guilty, and after evidence had been taken the case was adjourned for 26 weeks.
