

## BREVITIES.

Walter Budd, a middle-aged man who attempted to commit suicide three months since by shooting himself in the head, was, at the Water Police Court this morning, remanded for another week's medical observation.

The Mayor of Newcastle has, in response to a requisition signed by a number of citizens, convened a public meeting for to-morrow evening to take steps to accord a fitting reception to the Governor on the occasion of his projected visit to Newcastle on March 15.

It was decided at a special meeting of the Newcastle Council on Monday evening to call a conference of municipal councils of the city and suburbs to consider the question of establishing public abattoirs for the district.

|| A man named Salmon was sinking a well a few miles out of Berrigan on Saturday when the earth caved in, burying him in the debris. Seventeen hours elapsed before he was rescued, but when recovered he was found to be not seriously injured.

The depositions in the Mercantile Bank case have been under the consideration of Mr. E. Walsh, the senior Victorian Crown Prosecutor. It has been decided to allow the law to take its course, consequently the trial will take place at the next criminal sittings of the Supreme Court, which begin on February 19.

At the instance of the Marrickville Council a telephone fire alarm has been erected in the porch of the Marrickville Council Chambers.

Messrs. Vernon and Stoddart were appointed valuers of the ratable property in Marrickville, by the council last evening, at a remuneration of £60.

A complaint has been made to the Marrickville Council of the danger to surrounding property from the blasting in connection with the sewerage works at present being carried on in Emily-street and vicinity.

The Marrickville Council have instructed their inspector to ask the Canterbury Council to take means for the abatement of the nuisance and smells arising from the boiling-down establishments in that district.

At the Camden Police Court, on Monday, before Messrs. Badham, P.M., Downes, Nott, and Turner, J.S.P., John Guesin, of the Oaks, was charged with having committed a capital offence on a girl named Isabella Maude Cooke, on the 22nd instant. The case was heard with closed doors, and the charge was eventually dismissed.

A sign of the times was afforded at the Parramatta Borough Council meeting yesterday evening. There were six tenderers for the supply of horses, carts, and drivers required by the council for the municipal year, and for such ploughing for the formation of streets as might be wanted. The tender of W. Atkins at 6s 8d per day for a driver

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Twelve tenders for the valuation of the ratable property of the Borough of Parramatta were opened at the borough council meeting last night. The joint tender of Mr. Harry Dawes and Mr. A. L. Hages for £46, was accepted, the work to be completed in four weeks from date of contract.

The following are the municipal nominations at Ulmarra: Aldermen, North Ward, Thos. Glissan; South Ward, Fredk. Turnbull and William Bailey; East Ward, Thos. Redmond and Jas. Joseph Hough. Auditors: Edward Yoole and James Stick. More than usual interest is being taken in the election.

An agitation is on foot for an extension of the Dumbleton Public School, West Hurstville. It is supposed to have been built to accommodate 50 children, but at present there are fully 80 attending, and in order to accommodate that number close packing is necessary.

Alderman Cooke, who represents Scarborough Ward in the Rockdale Council, has decided to stand again. There are rumors that a Labor candidate will run in opposition, but nothing definite is yet known. There is no opposition mentioned in Arncliffe or Rockdale Wards.

Mr. E. M'Farlane has been appointed by the Kogarah Council to assess all ratable property in the municipality, in conjunction with the council clerk, Mr. E. T. Sayers.

In the Kogarah municipal elections the retiring aldermen are Alderman W. H. Balcombe for Middle Ward, Alderman P. Hermann East Ward, and the present Mayor (Alderman C. H. Halstead) West Ward. So far no opposition to any of the vacancies is mentioned, but the retiring auditors, Messrs. Hill and Robertson, will be opposed.

Alderman Peake, who had intended to offer himself again for Peakhurst Ward, Hurstville, has retired in favor of Mr. Clough. The contest will lie between the latter and Mr. Staff.

The result of the conference between the Kogarah Council and Superintendent Bear relative to the establishment of a local fire station is that the former is now desirous of leasing a block of land, with a view to purchase, on which to erect the necessary building. The council has been contributing for two or three years to the Fire Brigades Board without having received any benefit at all.

The Wagga Council has stopped street watering owing to the expense, and considering it unjust to levy a special rate.

Two new municipal candidates are announced at Wagga, viz., Mr. J. T. Williamson for the South Ward, and Mr. J. Morales for the North Ward. The retiring aldermen for the respective wards are Messrs. Manton and Hayes, who will seek re-election.

Monday's Customs receipts amounted to £6288.

A turtle, weighing 80lb, was caught in Auckland Harbor on Sunday evening.

The codlin moth has proved terribly destructive to the apple crops in the Albury district, many trees that were sprayed being as badly infested as the rest.

At a meeting of the committee of the Manly Horticultural Society it was decided to hold a meeting of members, combined with a show of flowers, &c., on Saturday evening next, at 8 o'clock in the Church of England Schoolroom, Corso. It has also been decided to hold a grand chrysanthemum show in the Aquarium in April.

Before Mr. Johnson, S.M., at Newtown Police Court yesterday, Charles C. Bennett, licensee of the Sea Breeze Hotel, Dover Point, pleaded guilty to selling liquor to persons other than bona fide travellers on Sunday, 21st instant. A fine of £3 and costs was imposed.

Under the auspices of the Flinders Labor Electoral League a meeting of the electors of the Flinders Division of South Sydney was held last evening, the president of the league, Mr. T. Smith, occupying the chair. Mr. J. P. Buckley moved that this meeting of electors of the Flinders Division are of opinion that the best interests of the country will be served by keeping the old party politicians out of political life until a Labor Government has had an opportunity of bringing permanent prosperity to the people of New South Wales. Mr. F. Flowers seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. James Wilson, and carried unanimously.

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The adjourned annual meeting of subscribers to the Balmain Cottage Hospital was held at the council chambers last night. Mr. J. Gastard, M.L.A. (president), occupied the chair. The ballot for the election of a committee resulted in the election of Aldermen J. J. Wheeler, W. C. Ward, and Messrs. A. Dyer, W. Fay, A. Gow, J. Hoey, S. N. Hogg, T. Henley, and S. Kirkby. Messrs. E. B. Shaw and J. O'Toole were elected auditors.

Mrs. G. Turner, an old resident of the Inverell district, died at Brodie's Plains on Saturday.

Mr. D. Houston arrived at Grafton yesterday to superintend the construction of the Great Marlow Embankment. Immediately upon his arrival a petition was presented by Mr. J. H. Munro, signed by 100 working men, asking him to employ local men on the works. It is believed Mr. Houston will consent to do so.

Mr. John Wood, of Pyrmont Bridge-road, intends to run for Bishopthorpe Ward, Glebe, in the coming annual race for municipal honors.

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