

the views of this trained official could have been nullified by the necessarily imperfect and uninformed arguments of an ordinary justice of the peace. To the litigants the result of the case must be annoying and is certainly unfair. Which way the verdict would have gone matters nothing, but we think the Police Magistrate needed neither help nor obstruction in coming to a reasonable decision. As we understand that the case is to be again heard we refrain from comment, merely saying that we hope we shall not again see a trained official scouted by a single individual with no special qualifications for the position he chooses to take upon himself.

THE Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce has received an intimation to the effect that when Mr. Jackson is again he will be sent to report upon our local mines.

Two girls from the State School have handed in their names as candidates in the forthcoming junior (Sydney) University examinations. Their names are Eleanor Talbot and Amelia Ingermanssen.

In the Police Court on Thursday last before the Police Magistrate and C. W. Toussaint, Esq., J.P., the case of Michael Yonng (Salvation Army) v. Edward Talbot, for insulting language, was resumed. The whole day was taken with the case, but owing to the Bench being unable to agree, the case was put off to be re-heard.

THE energetic master of the Mirani school is organising a concert by his pupils on the 10th of next month. Mirani is certainly going ahead; we hear of frequent dances, a magic lantern entertainment, and now a children's concert. "We live again in our children," and we hope the Mirani youngsters may have a successful evening and a full house.

By notice elsewhere Bryant, the ventriloquist, is announced to appear in town to-night. A Southern paper says of him:—Ready-witted; anecdotal, musical; and intensely versatile, Mr. Bryant, we may safely say, is a host in himself, and where theatres and actors are so few and far between as in Queensland, a man of the Bryant type is a welcome visitant anywhere and at any time.

A CRICKET match will be played at Walk-erston this afternoon between teams repre-sent-ing that place and the town. Mr. Coffin will captain the town team and Mr. Wakefield the Walk-erston one. Play is to start at 2 o'clock sharp. The following are the teams:—Wal-kerston.—W. Kemp, H. Hill, J. Burke, J. Temple, S. Parker, H. Walker, W. Young, L. Wakefield; emergency: W. Shaw. Town team:—K. D. Coffin, R. F. Borton, J. Long, G. Ball, J. E. Joseph, A. Hasenkamp, W. Walker, R. Cumming, P. Brennan, W.

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A SICKENING exhibition of snobbishness occurred (says *Truth* of June 30) during the visit of the Prince of Wales to the Royal Agricultural show at Warwick. The prince was followed by the usual stupid, staring mob, and suddenly these watchful flunkys saw that his Royal Highness had thrown down into the wet grass a partly smoked cigarette and a match. In an instant the mob—described by a reporter as "well-dressed, almost patrician"—were scrambling for the cigarette and the match, "and the two gentlemen who secured them bore away their prizes, smilingly rejoicing!"

ON Wednesday evening last the officers of the Pioneer of the North Lodge, U.A.O.D., visited Eton for the purpose of opening up a branch lodge. The opening ceremony and installation of officers was performed by D. P. Bro. Wm. McGowan. After installation, an adjournment was made, and the visitors were entertained during the remainder of the evening. Speeches, toasts, and songs were indulged in. The following appointments were made:—A. D., Bro. Bagley; V.A.D., Bro. Cronin; Secretary, Bro. Foxlee; Treasurer, Bro. Howells; I. G., Bro. T. Cowan; R.A.B., Bro. A. Robertson; L.A.B., Bro. S. Lowther; L.V.B., Bro. J. Byrne; L.V.B., Bro. H. Maun; O.G., Bro. J. Ironside.

THE opening of the technical classes at the School of Arts was most encouraging. The Shorthand Class was attended by over 30 pupils and the first lesson seemed to be received with interest. At the close the teacher stated that on Friday next the class would start at 7 p.m. The French Class will open on Monday next at 7.30 p.m. and, as highly qualified instructors have been secured by the School of Arts, we hope to see a large attendance. Other classes are in course of formation and names may be enrolled with and particulars obtained from Messrs. H. B. Black, A. Ulcoq, R. M. Smith, T. D. Chataway, or the secretary of the School of Arts. We would again point out that intending pupils need not be members of the School of Arts.

THE following Defence Force order No. 708 is published:—The result of the examination of officers in the practical portion of B, held at Mackay on the 27th July ultimo, is published for information:—

Rank, Name & Corps.	Rank for which Examined.	Result.
Captain G. Dimmock, "C" Company, Mackay.	Major	Good.
Captain P. N. G. Hapthornmann, Mackay Mounted Infantry.	Major	Fair.
Lieutenant W. N. Deller, "C" Company, Mackay.	Lieutenant	Fair.
Lieutenant W. T. Henry, Mackay Mounted Infantry.	Lieutenant	Fair.

THE final sets in connection with the Tennis Tournament which was commenced last Saturday were played at the Queen's Park on Wednesday afternoon last. Messrs. Brooks and How.