

NEWS AND NOTES.

Several important notifications will be found in this week's Gazette.

Sealed tenders are invited in this issue for alterations and additions to R. C. Church.

There was not an over large attendance at the final Red Cross dance of the season on Thursday evening last.

There was a big dinner at the Hotel Victoria on Saturday evening last, 22nd inst., followed by speeches and music.

Between forty and fifty passengers left for south by steamer early in this week, and another big exodus is booked by steamer expected to sail for southern ports on Thursday or Friday.

There has been a marvellous spring in the grass as the result of the two heavy showers of rain last week, and the greater portion of the sun-scorched earth in and around the town is now carpeted with green verdure.

Attention is directed to a notice published in this issue, in which the N.T.R. Club signifies its intention to hold another race meeting on Eight Hours Day (October 15). The programme includes five events, and given fine weather and good nominations, the meeting on this public holiday, ought to prove a successful one.

A steamer arrived in harbour on Saturday evening, and resumed her voyage southward the following morning shortly before noon. There were a large number of southward-bound passengers. Another southward-bound steamer is expected to put in an ap-

steamer is expected to put in an appearance about the end of the present week.

Owing to sparse attendance the general meeting of the members and intending members of the Palmerston Institute called for last week did not eventuate. Another meeting is now notified to take place at the Institute Reading Room at 8.15 p.m. on Saturday, 29th inst. Will all members or intending members kindly make a note of time and date and try and put in an appearance.

Intense muggy heat, relieved by cool westerly winds during the afternoons and evenings, have been the prevailing weather feature during the week. Many showers are reported in the neighbourhood of Darwin and along the line, and wherever rain has fallen there is a carpet of verdure. Stray flocks of goats are having the time of their lives on these succulent patches.

On the 20th instant, before Mr. Stretton, S.M., the Town Clerk proceeded against Mr. Percy Kelsey in respect of a straying horse. Mr. Mallam appeared for the informant, and Mr. Roberts for the defendant, who pleaded guilty, and was fined one shilling and £1 10s costs. Another information against the same defendant, as to another horse, was withdrawn, the defendant being ordered to pay the Court fees.

There was the usual large audience at the Don Stadium on Saturday evening, the attraction being a new star picture, entitled "Paste," a London drama in five parts. This was followed by an alleged comic picture, entitled "Charlie round the world

ture, entitled "Charlie round the world in 80 minutes." As a whole the show was considerably below the usual standard of merit. The proprietary announced that on Monday evening the first part of Hall Caine's finely dramatic story, "The Christian" would be screened.

A scare was caused among a number of bathers at the Fort Hill sea baths on Thursday evening, by the sudden appearance, just outside the enclosure, of an enormous alligator. He came right up to the rails, and nosed round for an entrance. There was a rather laughable stampede of bathers, who in their hurry to get on terra firma, scrambled up the almost impossible. These baths are said to be in a most dangerous condition, several of the rails being broken, leav-

ing opening large enough for the entrance of even the most corpulent 'gator. It is only a few days ago, we understand, that a young shark was discovered inside the enclosure by some bathers.

The Boxing Tournament promoted by Messrs. J. Hoskins and Fred Southwell, in the interests of French Red Cross, duly eventuated at the Don Stadium on Tuesday evening, and was well patronised, among others present at the ringside being the Administrator and several leading Government officials. There were also several ladies and children present. The bouts between several boys for a prize to be awarded for the best display of scientific boxing were highly interesting. The palm was eventually awarded to Horace Nelson. The

any, awarded to Maurice Nelson. The announcement of this result was received rather coldly, there apparently being a fairly general feeling that Grey had if anything, shown himself to be the smarter lad. There were several exhibition bouts between adult boxers. Two half-castes gave a judicious display of their utter lack of science. During one of the intervals the Mayor (Mr. Watt) presented a number of lads with handsomely inscribed gold medals won at previous tournaments.

. An interesting native wedding was celebrated by the Rev. Father Fanning at the R. C. Chapel on Wednesday evening, 19th instant, when His Majesty King George, of the Larrakeyah tribe, was united in the holy bonds, in accord with the established orthodox Church ritual, to Miss Kitty, who (we understand) was educated at the Convent School. The bride is said to have been attired in orthodox bridal costume, with bouquet of flowers, and bridal veil, and looked darkly pretty. Both parties are full-blooded aboriginals. Following the religious ceremony a reception took place at the Aboriginal Compound, at Kahlin Beach, among other guests present being the Administrator (Dr. Gilruth), Mrs. Gilruth, the Protector of Aborigines (Mr. Carey), Mr. and Mrs. Tiley, and Mr. McDonald. Called upon to make a speech, King George relegated this embarrassing duty to his Private Secretary, Frank Solomon (native cognomen Berryoojin), a son of the late King Solomon, who on his late father's death some months ago, magnanimously abdicated all right to

magnanimously abdicated all right to the succession in favour of his friend George. The Private Secretary's address partook of the character of a lecture to the King, in which he pointed out to that potentate that this young girl had been given to him for a wife by Father Fanning "white feller" fashion, and that he must treat her kindly, feed and clothe her, and not think of taking to himself another wife while she lived. There was an abundance of refreshment provided and all present had a good time.