
In Brief

The strange lights in the sky have been seen at Carcoar.

Our Orange correspondent writes that October 18 has been fixed upon for the date of the annual railway picnic, but that the rendezvous has not yet been fixed upon. If this intelligence be correct, the Bathurst Eight Hours authorities should endeavor to effect an alteration, as a picnic on this date will clash with the annual demonstration.

Mr Richard Michell, who died at East Orange a couple of days ago at the age of 74 years, is survived by a widow and twelve children.

The death is announced of Mrs James Collins, of Springside, Orange, at the age of 68 years.

A big fire in Auckland on Monday destroyed the Strand Arcade. The damage, estimated at £70,000, is largely covered by insurance.

In response to an intimation by the Board of Health that the council should at once proceed to improve the sanitary condition of the town, initiatory steps had been taken at Blayney towards borrowing the sum of £500 for the installation of a garbage system

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and improved sanitary service.**

**A farm laborer named Harry
Schneider endeavoured to escape
from Wagga lock up by burning a
hole in the cell door, but the noise
of his operations brought about
their frustration. Yesterday
Schneider was sentenced to three
years' imprisonment on charges of
forgery.**