

so privately that there will not even be music; and the great officers of State will take their departure immediately after luncheon.—*Count Journal*.

It has been notified that the Houses of Parliament will rise on or about the 24th of July.

The annual fish dinner to the Fox Club will take place on Saturday, the 28th inst. at the Trafalgar, Greenwich.

A French gentleman left in a cab in London, last week a pair of diamond earrings worth 6,000 francs. The next day they were brought to him by cabby; and the gentleman, charmed with his probity and the recovery of his property, gave the man £20.

ATROCIOUS MURDER.

A murder, revolting in the extreme from the brutal treatment received at the hands of the murderer by his victim, was perpetrated at Fordingbridge, a small town in the county of Hants, on Sunday morning last. Miss Hall, the only daughter of a respectable farmer, set off, as usual on Sunday morning, to attend service at a church a mile distant. In the afternoon her body was discovered. The information was given by a man named Gilbert, who bears a bad character, he having been transported on one occasion for rape. There are circumstances, it is alleged, which tell very strongly against him as being the murderer of Miss Hall, and he is now in custody. On a constable and a surgeon and some others proceeding to the spot he pointed out the body. It was found lying against the side of a ditch. The hands were outstretched and clenched, the clothes fearfully torn and thickly covered with the mud and slime of the ditch. On her breast was her church-service, and in her hand her hymn-book. Traces were found of a fearful struggle. The unfortunate girl appears to have been dragged about 15 yards up a gully, which is completely covered in by furze bushes on either side. There are traces of the murderer having dragged his victim by the legs for the distance of 146 yards through the water, filth, and weeds of the ditch, screened from all human observation by the overhanging bushes, and finally putting the then lifeless body in the place and position in which it was found. From medical evidence it would appear that the poor young lady was alive when her murderer immersed her in the poisonous water in the ditch, for some of it was found in her stomach. The under clothes were torn to atoms; and the weeds had even penetrated under the stays.

DUBLIN, JUNE 26.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant held a reception on Saturday, at the Viceroyal Lodge. There was a very numerous and *distingue* attendance.

The Hon. Mrs. Campbell, Captain Rainey, lady, and suite, have arrived at the Gresham hotel, Dublin from London, *en route* for Portstewart.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Down has left Downpatrick, for London.

E. Westropp, Esq., and Miss Westropp have left the Hibernian Hotel Dublin, for Limerick.

Robert Preston Bayley, Esq. J.P. is staying at the Hibernian Hotel, Dublin.

At the Commission Court, Dublin, on Tuesday, before Mr Justice Ball and Judge Hayes, John Charles Jones, a letter carrier in the employment of the General Post Office, pleaded "Guilty" to having detained 80 letters, which had been given him to deliver. In the house of the prisoner were found no fewer than 249 letters. Sentence was deferred. Daniel McCarthy pleaded "Guilty," and was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude for having entered the houses of Sir Robert Shaw, Bart. the Hon. Mrs. Plunkett, and Dr. O'Reilly, and stolen therefrom a quantity of plate.

LANDED ESTATES COURT—TUESDAY.

SALFS.
(Before Judge Longfield.)
COUNTY OF CORK.
Estate of Henry B. Mitchell, Owner and Petitioner. Mitchelsfort, containing 521a.; profit rent £450. Sold to Mr. B. Scott for £9,600. Messrs. Seymour and Webb, solicitors.

KING'S COUNTY.
Estate of Joseph Horne and others, Owners; Abraham Bagnall, Petitioner.
Ballyclare, containing 126a.; net annual rent, £2 18s. 10d. Sold to Mr. Bagnall for £650. Mr. John Julian, solicitor.

COUNTY OF TIPPERARY.
Estate of John Sanders and another, Owners and Petitioners. Atshanbohy, containing 49a.; net profit rent, £12 3s. 9d.

HIBERNIAN WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The friends and supporters of this society held their annual meeting in Dublin, on Tuesday evening in the Metropolitan Hall.

The Rev. the President of the Conference occupied the chair.

The Secretary read the report for last year, which showed the progress of the society during the year, the increase of funds, and the success of Missions.

The Chairman addressed the meeting on the subject

row, to protest against the city being proclaimed. The chairman Alderman Mahony, and M. R. Ryan, J.P., observed that the peaceable state of the city did not require this strong exceptional measure.

And in accordance with Mr. Myles motion the governors of St. John's fever hospital are requested to place that charitable institution under the management of the board of guardians, and that a copy of the resolution containing the request be sent to the governors.

Mr. Spaight's notice of motion relative to the appointment of a committee to renew negotiations for the liquidation of the port and harbour of this city from the mortgage now in existence to the board of works, and to consider such means as may improve the navigation of the Shannon and trade of the city of Limerick, lapsed for the want of a mover and seconder, and after transacting some business of a routine nature the Council separated.

Lord and Lady Massy leave London to-morrow, *en route* to their residence, Hermitage, Castleconnell.

PRESENTATION TO JOHN THOMAS MACSHEEHY, Esq. J.P., EX MAYOR.—The splendid testimonial to which we recently directed attention, was this day presented to John Thomas MacSheehy, Esq., J.P., ex Mayor, at his residence, Shannon Lawn, by the City High Sheriff (Robert Hunt, Esq.) and the deputation appointed for that purpose. The pressure on our columns of the Special Commission proceedings at Clonmel, obliges us to hold over details until our next issue.

Ponsonby Barker, Esq., of Kilcooly Abbey, has kindly forgiven his tenancy at Lurrage, Lisaleen, Newtown, Corkmore, and Clounaan a half year's rent, and in many instances advanced money for their support. To some of the tenants who had not paid him any rent for the last three years, he gave liberal assistance to, for instance, one of them, a poor woman named Mrs. Costelloe, of Lurrage, after obtaining plenty of money to purchase provision, Mr. Barker also sent the price of a cow, for which that gentleman has her blessing, as well as the blessings of others.

At a recent examination held at the Apothecaries' Hall, Dublin, Mr. James Myles, third son of Mr. Zachariah Myles, passed in a most creditable manner. This young gentleman is another of the many pupils educated at the Villers Schools, under the care of Mr. B. L. Switzer, who have reflected credit on his method of instruction, by the marked proficiency they have exhibited, and uniform success they have obtained.

A child aged 2 years, and named Walter Charles Brown, accidentally drank nitric acid, which was incautiously left in its way, and died from its effects. Mr. Gleeson the city coroner, held an inquest this evening on the body, at 55, Catherine-street, when a verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

IDENTIFICATION OF WALSH.—Yesterday Mrs. Fitzgerald, widow of the late lamented Francis Fitzgerald, Esq., visited the County Gaol, where Walsh, with five others, all dressed in similar attire to the prisoner, was paraded before her. Upon observing Walsh she identified him without any hesitation, and he was then called before the lady, to whom he put several interrogatories as to her power of observation on the sad occasion, and asked her—"Did you see me fire the second shot?" to which she replied—"I did not see the second shot fired, I was so astounded by the first, but a second shot was fired, and you are the man who was with Beckham." The unhappy fellow took the matter quite coolly, and was removed to his cell.

Michael Meara, when returning from Nenagh to his residence at Kilnafinch, on Monday night, was waylaid by two men who severely assaulted him, inflicting severe injuries with stones. His assailants are known.

The Messrs. Howe and family, of the Great American Circus, accompanied by Mr. J. C. Heenan, left the Provincial Hotel this morning, much gratified with the arrangements for their accommodation by the proprietor. Dr. Mark and his troupe have also patronised the Provincial Hotel during their stay in Limerick.

THE CONSTABULARY—We are happy to learn that A. Curling, Esq., a very efficient officer, has been promoted by the Lord Lieutenant, on the recommendation of Sir Henry Brownrigg, Inspector-General, to the rank and pay of first-class Sub-Inspector. Mr. Curling bears a very high character in the force, and we have no doubt from report, that is very deserving of this mark of favour on the part of the authorities.

Lord Palmerston hopes to be able to give an answer on the part of the Government to the application for a renewal of the Galway Postal Contract, early next week.

PROCLAMATION OF THE COUNTY AND COUNTY OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK—PRIVY COUNCIL, DUBLIN, TUESDAY.—A Council was held this day. Present—His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, the Right. Hon. Frederick Shaw, the Right Hon. the Judge of the Court of Probate. Proclamations were signed, declaring that the provisions of the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1856, should apply to and be in force in the county of Limerick and the county of the city of Limerick.

The works for arresting the inundation of the dle Level are working most successfully. Two great syphons, 3 feet diameter, are to be employed the drainage of the flooded country.

The Duke of Cambridge yesterday presided a examination of cadets and distribution of prize the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

The *Morning Herald* finds it impossible to account for the inactivity of General McClellan after the title of Fair Oaks and breaking up of Beauregard's army in the West; and, if he does not see his clearly, he may find himself outnumbered by an enemy in a position which is impregnable, and which that enemy may fall upon his lines and at pleasure; if so, then, he is likely to meet a disaster which may change the whole prospect of war, for reverse with McClellan involves ruin to the army and ruin to the hope of the Federal government.

Yesterday, in the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, the case of Mrs. Longworth Yelverton against Walker for defamation concluded. Verdict for the plaintiff—damages £500.

The report of the Fleet-ditch tunnel of the ground railway is not so favourable; it will be necessary to rebuild a large portion of the tunnel.

PARLIAMENTARY SUMMARY.
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Sir G. BOWYER moved the second reading of the Bill.

Mr. COLLIER moved as an amendment that it be read a second time that day three months.

After a long discussion by several members, occupied the greater part of the sitting, Sir G. B. withdrew the bill.

The other orders were then disposed of and House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

PARIS, 26TH.—The *Moniteur* of this morning publishes a decree by which, until further notice, the present custom house clearances on new sugar imported from Cuba under the Spanish flag, will be in lieu of re-impotation as refined sugar, with benefit of drawback and with a deduction on the tax, for navigation, of 2 f. per 100 kilogrammes.

The *Daily News* city article says the steady rise of stock by which funds are weakened is attributable to the realisations of savings arising from the sale of treasure in the North English stock which was stronger yesterday.

Traffic of Metropolitan Railway especially now being dealt raised by the influx of capital people to the station. Four of the lines had aggregate increase of £24,600 for the last week.

The prospect of the cotton trade is becoming serious and complicated than ever; speculation rushing largely into the Liverpool market, where extreme excitement prevails. The transactions of the day comprise 25,000 bales, of which part was on speculation for export. Prices are quoted less than 1 1/4 d. and in some instances 1 1/4 d. per lb. than on Friday. The news given yesterday of a decline in the Exchange at New York to 118 1/2 firmed. Great depression prevails in the market for American securities in London, and prices are much anxiety being felt with regard to the cotton affairs in America.

LONDON FUNDS—THIS DAY.

OPENING PRICES.	
Money	91 1/2
Account	91 1/2
Three	91 1/2
1 P.M. PRICES.	
Money	91 1/2
Account	ditto
Three	91 1/2
2.15 P.M. PRICES.	
Money and Account	91 1/2
Three	91 1/2
CLOSING PRICES	
Money	91 1/2
Account	91 1/2
Three	91 1/2

DUBLIN FUNDS.

Money	91 1/2
Account	Not
Three	90 1/2

LONDON PRODUCE MARKET.

Sugar steady; coffee, sales going at stiff rates; rice, 85,000 bags Rangoon, taken out of Tallow, firm—spot and June, 47s; October a cent, 49s.

LONDON CATTLE MARKET.

There was a fair supply of fat stock on sale today. Beasts, sheep, lambs, calves, and veal off slowly, but Monday's prices were not so high. Beef, 2s 10d to 4s 8d; mutton, 3s 6d to 5s; 4s 8d to 6s 8d; veal, 4s to 5s; pork, 3s 10s to per 8 lb.

GLASGOW CATTLE MARKET.

There was an average supply of cattle at the market, with fair demand, at rather lower price clearance was effected. Number of sheep larger. Sales slow, at shade under last week's Scotch oxen, 62s per cwt.; Irish, 60s; see