

though that was not in the end insisted upon. But in the course of the evidence it appeared that the two witnesses of the will did not sign it in each other's presence. The deed was therefore declared to be invalid and the property went to the grandson.

Miss Anne Sheepshanks has been elected a Fellow of the Astronomical Society. The splendid present of instruments made by this lady to the society (says the *Athenæum*), and the large endowment by which she has perpetuated the name of her brother and his astronomical pursuits in his own university, most properly call for such acknowledgment as a society devoted to astronomy can give.

The *Journal de St. Petersburg* announces that the railway from Helsingfors to Tavasthus was opened with great ceremony on the 1st March.

The following appears amongst the Parliamentary Notices and orders:—

**HOUSE OF LORDS.**—The Lord Somerhill—To move that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the causes of the great and frequent inundations of the River Shannon and its tributaries, and into the effects of the works constructed by the Shannon Commissioners of 1839 upon the navigation and upon the drainage of the country; and how far such works were in accordance with the plans referred to in the statute under which they were undertaken. (Monday, the 5th of May.)

**BILLS IN PROGRESS.**—Transfer of Stocks (Ireland)—Waiting for second reading. Waterford and Limerick and Limerick and Ennis Railways—Waiting for third reading.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS—NOTICES OF MOTION—TUESDAY, APRIL 8 (THIS DAY).**—Colonel Dickson—Drainage (Ireland)—Bill for the amendment of the laws relating to the Land in Ireland.

Mr. Hennessy—Grand Juries (Ireland)—Bill to enable Grand Juries in Ireland to alter the remuneration given to Grand Jury Secretaries.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9.**—Land Debentures (Ireland) Bill [Mr. Scully]—Second reading.

Bills of Exchange (Ireland) Act (1861) Amendment Bill—Second reading.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS.**—Colonel Dunne—Military Accounts (Ireland)—Return of the number of military accountants appointed in Ireland, and amount of their salaries; also of the number of clerks, and their salaries; and of all expenses connected with this department; and statement of the duties with which they are charged.

**ORDER OF THE DAY—THURSDAY, 10TH APRIL.**—Major Stuart Knox—To ask the Chief Secretary for Ireland whether his attention has been called to circumstances that occurred at the late assizes for the county of Tyrone which led to the quashing of the petty jury panel, and postponement of the trial of the prisoners; and whether he has any objection to lay upon the table a copy of Mr. Justice Christian's ruling when quashing the said panel as returned by the sheriff.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.—FRIDAY, 11TH APRIL.**—Sir George Bowyer—On the motion for adjournment—To call the attention of the house to the affairs of Italy.

Mr. Maguire—To call attention to the fact that several deaths from starvation have occurred recently in Ireland; to ask whether the Government have received official information of such cases having occurred; and, if so, whether they have taken, or are about to take, any steps in consequence; also, whether they have any objection to lay upon the table all the reports, communications, and correspondence in reference to such cases.

Mr. Hubbard intends to propose the following amendment on the second reading of the Income Tax Bill:—"That the incidence of an income tax should not fall upon capital or property, and that when applied to the annual products of invested property, it should fall only upon the net income arising therefrom; and that the net profits, gains, or salaries of persons and partnerships (not being public companies) engaged in any trade, farm, manufacture, profession, or salaried employment should be subject, previous to assessment, to such an abatement as may equitably adjust the burden thrown upon intelligence and skill as compared with property.

Alderman Mechi, in a letter to the *Times*, gives a most favourable account of the crops in England. The wheat never looked more promising. There is also a greatly-increased breadth sown this year. The crops are from three weeks to a month earlier. Other crops are likewise luxuriant.

furniture establishments in the city for the accommodation of the audiences, were destroyed. The woman in charge of the building could not account for the catastrophe, as there had been no fire lighted in the building since Tuesday last. She did not live in the building, but in a house at the gate, from which she and her children saw the flames bursting out through the roof. The alarm was instantly given, and at one o'clock the police engine arrived. About half-past one o'clock the corporation engine came, and was followed by the West of England, the Exchange, the National, &c., but the interior of the building was consumed before anything could be saved; happily the building was isolated. The Lord Mayor was present, and gave various requisite directions. The hall was stated to belong to Mr. Kirby, of Sackville-street. No one present at the fire could tell whether or not the building or its contents were insured. Thus has perished an edifice, which, in its time, was used for so many purposes, ranging from the most solemn but widely different religious services, to theatrical performances of the highest kind.

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### THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 8, 1862.

An inquest was held on Saturday evening last by John Gleeson, Esq., City Coroner, on the remains of a man named James Costello, who was drowned on the 11th March last by accidentally falling out of a smack in the river. The body was found at Coonagh point by some fishermen, and brought to Arthur's Quay, where the inquiry was held. The remains were in a fearfully decomposed state. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning.

A poor woman named Mary Healy, aged 65 years, and a native of the Irishtown, was brought to Barrington's Hospital on Sunday morning, she having received a dreadful scalp wound by falling with a ladder up which she was proceeding to a loft in the house in which she resided. She exhibited her indifference to bodily pain by singing and abusing the doctor, under whose care she was, the ladder, which was the occasion of the accident, and the world at large.

Edward Curling, Esq., Esq., Newcastle West, acknowledges the receipt of £9 17s. restitution money (for the Earl of Devon), from the Rev. Wm. O'Shea, P.P., Monegay. This is only a portion of the sundry sums restored to different parties during the mission held by the Redemptorist Fathers in that parish. Upwards of 3,000 persons approached the sacrament of penance and the Lord's Supper, and on the 1st April, at the close of the mission, the Right Rev. Dr. Butler confirmed 1,200 persons, of both sexes.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—A painful sensation was created in Rathkeale on Sunday morning by the awfully sudden death of Mrs. Costelloe, wife of the proprietor of the Duke of York Arms Hotel. It appears that Mrs. Costelloe was called early from bed to attend to business, and he left his sleeping apartment, Mrs. Costelloe remaining in bed in good health. On his return to the room, the wife called to him for a drink of water, observing that she felt very thirsty; he handed her the water, after partaking of which she was seized with slight vomiting, and threw up some blood—in a few minutes she was a corpse. An inquest was held yesterday by Doctor Enright, Coroner, when the Jury returned a verdict of "Died by the visitation of God." The deceased was a woman of active business habits, and was much esteemed in the town.

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