

possession or for the benefit of the creditors of Captain Robertson on the ground that whatever she had in her possession became the property of her husband, and further, on the ground that she had given those jewels in pawn for £70, a sum which afterwards came out of the money intended for the benefit of the general creditors. Mrs. M'Alpine was plainly entitled to the jewels, and she, it appeared was anxious to hand them over to Miss Robertson who was at present a ward under the English Court of Chancery. Mr. Kernan, Q.C., with whom was Mr. Green, submitted the creditors of Captain Robertson were the parties really entitled to the jewels. They had proved debts to the amount of upwards of £12,000, and there were only £2,000 at present realised to the estate. Mr. Jones had advanced £70 to Captain Robertson on the security of the jewels, which Mrs. Robertson, in order to oblige her husband gave up, although she stated she did so with considerable remorse. Judge Lynch having heard the arguments at considerable length decided that Mrs. M'Alpine was entitled to the jewels to which her title had been satisfactorily proved. Under the circumstances however, he would not give costs of the proceedings in respect of the jewels as against the estate.

COMMERCIAL MASONIC LODGE.—The members of this lodge, known as No. 245, have presented their late secretary, Mr. S. G. Downes, with a handsome testimonial and address, as a slight token of their appreciation of his many sterling qualities. For the long period of eighteen years Mr. Downes filled the arduous but honourable post of secretary to his lodge, and with what result is attested not less by the unanimity of the presentation than by the fact that he has been called by the suffrages of all the members of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to fill a very important office in connection with that distinguished branch of the craft. To the many friends and admirers of Mr. Downes—even those outside the mystic tie—this will be no unwelcome news, and even on their part we offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. Downes on his achieving that of which any of our citizens may be proud—the unanimous esteem of “the brethren.” We may mention that the presentation consisted of a beautiful gold watch, value £40, and also that on the evening of the interesting ceremony took place nearly 100 members of Masonry dined together.

Yesterday the scene of the late disastrous fire in afford-street was visited by thousands of persons. The place presented fearful evidence of the extent of the conflagration. Some members of the Fire Brigade remained in charge during the day with one of the ladders, and at intervals threw water on the towering piles of timber, which lay in blackened and charred heaps in the premises, and to prevent a further outbreak of the fire. Those persons residing in the houses in Mary-street who had thrown their furniture and other property into the street experienced considerable difficulty in collecting it, as it was heaped in broken and otherwise injured masses indiscriminately together. Fears were entertained at the fronts of the houses in Stafford-street which had been gutted by the fire, would fall in, and chains were placed across the street to prevent any traffic through it.

THE EDUCATION QUESTION.—The National Education question in Ireland is in a most critical condition. The hostility of a portion of its opponents has some time past taken a more active form, and so whose duty it is to defend the system from attack, and preserve its principles from the possibility of being warped to other purposes than those which it was advanced by its constitution, are, it must be confessed, proceeding in a way to alarm the friends of national education. The denominational wedge is being driven in, and, unless the upholders of the mixed system take care, one of the greatest boons ever conceded upon Ireland will be destroyed. From foes without, and from friends within, the Educational system is undergoing a severe trial; and, although, if merits be properly canvassed, and its supporters be true to it, we have little fear but that the main principles on which the system is based will ultimately triumph, a crisis has evidently arrived when it will require great energy and perseverance to tide over the difficulty.—*Northern Whig.*

The industrial exhibition by the officers and soldiers of the 12th Regiment, was re-opened yesterday in Dublin for public inspection, and also last evening, the rate of admission being one shilling. It was very well attended by the public generally, particularly in the evening, when it was most attractive by gas lighting. Arrangements are being made to hold a show of painting and other dogs in the Rotundo, Dublin, at the end of March next, at which the principal artists and sportsmen in England will have their talents fully represented. The number of Roman Catholics in the United Kingdom amount to 5,177,140.

Elmpark Gate; Friday, 22, Castletown Waller.—Hour 11 o'clock.

Mr. Franks' Beagles, will meet on Monday, 18, Elton; Thursday, 21, Ballylanders. Hour 11 o'clock.

The Limerick Harriers will meet for the remainder of the month of January as follows:—Monday, 18, Skehard Hill; Thursday, 21, Kilpeacon; Monday, 25, Killonan; Thursday, 28, Fedamore. Hour 11 o'clock.

A respectable tradesman, a house painter, of the name of Thomas Roche, who resided in James-street, and who has been missing since New Year's day, was found to-day in the river at Corbally. He was the sole support of an aged mother and sister. It is reported that he was an exceedingly sober man, and the manner of his death astonishes those who knew him.

CITY POLICE COURT.—Alderman M'Donnell, Edmond Gabbett, and Edward J. Collins (R.M.), Esqrs., presided in the City Police Court yesterday morning, but had no case of any importance to dispose of.

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Yesterday, at the petty sessions of New Pallas Owen M'Carthy was fined £3 and 10s. costs, at the prosecution of the Limerick Board of Conservators, for disturbing spawning fish. Patrick Hennessy was fined 5s. and costs for a similar offence.

Kilrush Quarter Sessions were opened at the Kilrush Court-house on Friday last. There were 224 civil bills, and 73 ejectments.

Bruff Petty Sessions was held yesterday.—D. B. Franks, R.M., Esq., presiding. There were only 12 cases on the order book, 6 of which answered.

Lodgings in Kilrush during the holding of the Fishery Commission in that town fetched very high prices, and some of the learned legal gentlemen could not obtain accommodation in the hotels, beds in which had long previously been engaged.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant and suite visited the Ghost entertainment at the Rotundo yesterday, and remained for more than an hour and a half.

BORN WITHOUT A GARMENT.—Our lady readers have been surprised at the announcement that no preparations were made by the Princess Royal for a supply of clothing for the infant Prince, when born. The matter is now fully explained, as it will be perceived by reference to another column that the distinguished babe is only a 7 months' child—its weight 9lbs.

Brice, the French giant, noticed in our first page, is to be exhibited in Limerick.

In order to encourage the growth of flax in the county of Galway, Mr. E. C. Burke, of that town, has proposed to erect a scutch-mill in his premises and to give six months storage free. The guardians of that union are to hold a special meeting on Friday to promote the flax movement.

The English Opera Company now performing with such success in Cork, with Madame Tonnellier as *prima donna*, is anxiously expected in Limerick, where they would assuredly receive very large support.

We feel bound to state that the non-delivery of newspapers at our office, complained of on Tuesday last, was not attributable to the neglect of the Post-office.

THE LIEUTENANCY OF THE COUNTY LIMERICK.

The Lieutenancy of the County of Limerick, vacant by the lamented death of the Earl of Clare, will, it is anticipated, be offered to the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunsarven, who, it need not be said, is a nobleman of independent and enlightened principles, the possessor of a splendid mansion and demesne at Adare, where his lordship constantly resides, and dispenses, in a manner befitting his exalted position, unbounded hospitality. He is one of the largest landed proprietors in this county, and what is still more in keeping with his rank and station, the respected Earl is a most active and improving landlord, second to none in Ireland. It would indeed, be well for the county if it could number amongst its proprietors very many such landlords. He is always resident amongst us, spending his large income in the promotion of good; ever the friend of charity, his munificence here and elsewhere, are beyond all praise. He is, moreover, the friend of the people and the steadfast and warm advocate of art and education. It was but a short time since the press recorded one of the recent liberal acts of the noble lord, in the erection of a Roman Catholic Chapel, in a parish in which the people previously worshipped in a hovel, namely, Sneem, in the county of Kerry, where his estates are very extensive. The Earl of Dunsarven is a consistent liberal, and it will probably be gratifying to the Government to be able to offer his lordship this mark of respect. Should his lordship receive the appointment it will be hailed with pleasure and satisfaction by all classes in the county.

LONDON PRODUCE MARKET.

Sugar, prices asked, small business; refined quiet, biteady; coffee readily dealt in at stiff rates; tea full up, few transactions; fine Congou wanted; rice all business, value unchanged; salt-petre wanted, treasury firm; tallow, limited demand, P.Y.C., 44s 9/10.

LONDON CATTLE MARKET.

Beasts, 580; cows, 85; sheep, 2,170; calves, 45; pigs, 95; beef 6d to 5s 2d; mutton, 4s 2d to 6s 2d; veal, 4s 4d to 7s; pork, 3s 6d to 5s; beef and mutton slow at about today's rates; supply of calves being small prices higher, but trade by no means brisk.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

1st Report—Market very quiet; sales, 2,000 or 3,000 bales, 3/4d below Friday. Imports, 6,472; previously, 8,4.

MANCHESTER CORN MARKET.

Average advance wheat, slow sale at rather easier rates some description of both English and foreign, whilst common qualities of red American must be quoted per cental lower; flour scarcely enquired for, and declined 3d per sack; oats receded 1d per 45lbs; oatmeal, 6d per load, and Egyptian beans and Indian corals per qt.

GLASGOW CATTLE MARKET.

Supply of cattle larger than last week; demand dull at a reduction of nearly 20s per head; full supply of sheep, a demand at last quotations; oxen, 6s 6d per cwt secondary, 6s 2d to 6s; middling and inferior, 5s 2d to 5s 6s; sheep, 8d to 9d per lb.

DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET.

The supply of cattle at this day's market was larger than last week, the demand not so brisk, and we can scarcely quote any difference in prices. First-class heifers, 6s to 6; second class, 5s 6d to 6s; coarse and inferior, 5s to 5s 5s per cwt, sinking offal. The supply of sheep is larger than that of last week with a brisk demand for good widders; ewes and inferior moved off under last week's quotations.

CORK BUTTER MARKET.

Firsts, 117s; seconds, 114s; thirds, 102s; fourths, 87s; fifths, 76s. Sixths, 63s.

Mild Cured—Firsts, 119s; seconds, 117; thirds, 106s. 700 in market.

COCK CORN MARKET.

White wheat, 8d to 9s 4d; red wheat, 8s 9d to 9s; barley, 4s 4d to 7s 4d; black oats, 4s 8d to 5s 7d to 5s 7d; whe, 4s 10d to 6s 3d.

TIPPERARY BUTTER MARKET.

Firsts, 109s; seconds, 106s; thirds, 90s. Top price per firkin, 69s 6d; 100 in market.

QUEENSTOWN SHIPPING.

Wind, S.S.E.
Arrived—Zenona, from Baltimore to Liverpool, windbound; Maette, from O'Dessa; Christine, New-York to St. Domingo, leaky; Rebecca, steamer, from Glasgow to Lisbon, to fill up cargo; Anne, Paraiba, omitted before; Hecla, steamer, Liverpool to New-York, and proceeded.

TWO PERSONS KILLED NEAR BRUFF.—An awful and unprecedented accident occurred in this locality about 5 or 6 o'clock p.m., on the 11th inst., within two miles of Bruff, at a place called Gormanstown Philips, to a farmer named Garvey and his wife, on their way home after selling some butter at Bruff market, the horse and car on which they were (in company with their sister-in-law) when within one mile of their place at Gormanstown Grady, were upset off a desperate part of the road (a double ditch) and precipitated into a dyke from a height of 4 feet, and immersed into the slough below.—When found they were lifeless; the sister-in-law providentially escaped after about an hour's exertion owing to a bag which was in the car, and which came under the shafts thereof which enabled her by great exertion to extricate herself and go into a house convenient, belonging to a man named Wallace, who after a long search owing to her imperfect information, found the parties already alluded to. An inquest was held on Tuesday by W. C. Murphy, Esq., coroner, who in his experience never held a similar one before. Verdict—Accidental death.

On the 7th instant, John A. O'Keefe, Esq., of Ballylennon Lodge, High Sheriff, County Waterford, received a threatening letter through the Dungarvan post office, that if he did not immediately part with his steward, John Christopher, either master or man would soon fall by the hand of the assassin.

Constable Naish, the clever and celebrated city detective, so long connected with the Limerick Constabulary, but who, to the regret of the Magistracy and citizens generally was transferred to Macroom, Co. Cork, was on leave of absence here for the last three weeks. He this day left for his station.

Sub-Constable James M'Quade, who had been for the last nine years stationed at Mountcharles, county Donegal, has been transferred to Kilar. This active officer was well liked in Mountcharles, and his departure is much regretted.

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