

Birmingham police constable in custody on a charge of having nearly murdered an inoffensive man by beating him with his staff.

The principal of the Inland Revenue Laboratory states the weight of tobacco yearly consumed per head of the population at lib. 4½ ozs.

Two rifled guns are now being cast at the foundry at Muelle, each weighing 37,000 kilogs.

A new quarterly review, price, 1s., entitled *The Economist Quarterly*, is announced for publication on 1st March.

The *Daily News* says the measure of the Metropolitan Poor-Law, introduced by Mr. Hardy, appears to be judicious and will be taken into consideration.

The other day a Liverpool porter, named Henry, had obtained a bottle of over-proof whiskey, and drank to such excess that he died soon afterwards. A post-mortem examination showed that all the internal organs were much congested, and that the stomach was full of whiskey. The coroner's jury on Wednesday returned a verdict of death from excessive drinking.

The Louisiana Legislature has rejected the constitutional amendment.

The receipts of railways in the United Kingdom for the week ending February 2nd, show an increase of £7,359 over the corresponding week last year.

The Archduke Stephen, uncle of the Emperor of Austria, is at present so seriously ill at Biarritz as to be unable to quit his bed. He was born in 1817.

The number of individuals arrested at Turin in consequence of the late disturbances in that city amounts to 116.

A new ukase abolishes, from the date of April 17, the kingdom of Poland, the use of Polish weights and measures, and replaces them by Russian.

Two cargoes of goods have been sent from the United States to the Paris Exhibition, and another vessel will probably be chartered. From Canada there will be about 400 exhibitors.

James Stephens has succeeded in eluding the vigilance of his keepers in America. The deposed President O. I. R. arrived in Paris on Saturday, having travelled in the most economical manner from the proceeds of his late "operations" on the purses of his American dupes.

By the death of Cardinal Villecourt there are 14 Cardinals' hats disposable.

A feature of the French Exhibition is to be a Japanese coffee-house with 8 Japanese girls, who are to act as waiters.

General Enrique O'Donnell, brother of the marquis, has just received a passport at Madrid to leave Spain and go abroad. The ex-Minister of the Interior, M. Esconra, has likewise been handed one.

The Italian Government has definitively refused to take off the sequestration from the private property of the ex-King of Naples.

A proposition has been made to the French Government to reduce the import duty on horses and carriages introduced into France by the English visitors to the Paris Exhibition.

Major, R.A., of a son.

At Bird-hill House, county Durham, the wife of William James Esq., late 42nd Royal Highlanders, of a son.

At Cradley, Worcestershire, the wife of the Rev. Thomas Huband Gregg, of a daughter.

At Lucknow, Oudh, the wife of Lieut. Fendall Corrie, Under-Secretary to the Government of Oudh, of a son.

At Abbey road, St. John's Wood, London, the wife of Capt. Berry Drinan, 4th West India Regiment, of a son.

At Holly House, Plumstead, the wife of Captain Wm. H. Noble, R.A., of a son.

At Queen's-terrace, Ayr, N.B., the wife of Captain M. W. Strood, 63rd Regiment, of a daughter.

At Westport, the wife of R. W. Jeffreys, Esq., of a son.

At Eastington, the wife of the Rev. Alfred Kennion, of a daughter.

At Malta, the wife of Captain W. M. Dunbar, 26th Regt., of twins—a son and a daughter.

At Nagpoor, India, the wife of Captain Twyford, Madras Staff Corps, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

By special licence, at St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, this morning (Thursday), the 27th December, by the Rev. Thomas Lightfoot, R. A. Zuderberg, Esq., M.D., eldest son of R. A. Zuderberg, Esq., merchant, of this city, to Annie Maris, third daughter of William Phayer, Esq., J.P., India Villa, Corbally, Limerick.

At the Cathedral Church, Marlborough-street, Dublin, J. MacDevitt, Esq., Londonderry, Consul to the King of the Netherlands and for Italy, to Mary, daughter of John Connelan, Esq., George's-place, Dublin.

At the parish church, Belfast, John Lee Jeffers, Esq., of Carnally House, county Armagh, to Annie, daughter of the late James James Cochran, Esq., Belfast.

At the Congregational Church, Blackheath, Kent, Robert Victor, eldest son of T. S. Haines, Esq., J.P., of Lakeville, Cork, to Emily, third daughter of the Rev. Alexander King, of Temorah Vanbrugh Park-road, Blackheath, formerly of Upper Rathmines and Torca Lodge, county Dublin.

At St. George's, Hanover-square, London, Thomas Henry Clifton, Esq., son of Colonel and Mrs. Clifton, of Lytham, to Madeline, eldest daughter of Sir Andrew Agnew, Bart., M.P., and Lady Louisa Agnew.

At Compton, Surrey, Lieut.-Colonel Sarel, 17th Lancers, to Phyllis, daughter of the Rev. G. M. Molyneux, rector of Compton.

At Kurrachee, Scinde, Colonel the Hon. Frederic Thesiger, 95th Regt., to Adria Fanny, daughter of Major-Gen. Heath, commanding Scinde Division of the Bombay Army.

DEATHS.

At Churchtown, county Clare, on Saturday night last, after a few days' illness, Thomas Lillis, Esq., at the advanced age of 73 years. He was for many years a member of the Kilrush Board of Guardians, and was very much respected through life as an upright, honest man, who lived to see himself the father of 22 children, all happily provided for. His remains were followed to the grave by a large and highly respectable concourse of friends and relatives, who mourn the loss of a kind friend and benefactor.

On the 7th inst., at Plymouth, suddenly, Arthur Wilson, son of the late Richard Wilson, Esq., of this city, aged 32 years.

At her father's residence, Douglas-street, Cork, Annie, daughter of Mr. Thomas Barry.

At Poulisna, county Cork, Emma Anne, relict of the Rev. William Lewis Beaumont.

At Watergate-street, Bandon, Jane Allen Hayes, William Burke Overend, Esq., son of the late Rev. John Overend, of Castleisland, county Wicklow.

At Bombay, Richard Murray Vesey, Staff Assistant Surgeon H.M.'s Indian Army, youngest son of the late Rev. Geo. Vesey, of Inniscarra, Cork.

At Westmoreland-street, Dublin, James Adams, Esq., deeply regretted.

At Airfield House, Dandrum, George William, second surviving son, of Thomas Cranfield, Esq.