

referred to do so. The Supreme Court are led upon to decide the question of the legality of partition. If they should pronounce the illegal (as under the constitution it seems to be) the acts of the "state" and all the acts of its representatives in Congress will be declared null and void. Acts passed over the President's vetoes by the Congress of the West Virginia congressmen will thus be of no effect.

The post of Italian Minister of Washington, for years ably filled by Signor Bertinatti, but now by his promotion to Constantinople, has been filled on the present Minister at Berne, Signor Cerutti. This is a good appointment. Cerutti, after experience in various parts of the world, in Persia, South America, and elsewhere, 2 years was Secretary General (Under-Secretary) of the Italian Foreign Office, and in capacity became well known and highly respected by the numerous foreign diplomatists and with whom his position entailed frequent intercourse. His friends regretted his appointment because they considered his abilities thrown to waste in a capital where there is so little to do. At least he will find a wider field for his talents and activity.

It is not so much money made in the States as there formerly was. It is estimated that Alexander T. Stewart, the leading New York Merchant, who last year paid tax on an income of more than 4,000,000 dollars, will this year obtain an income from his business of less than 2,000,000 dollars. The incomes this year throughout the country show a great falling off as compared with previous years.

Burmah we hear that the late disorders and ent anarchy are likely to be followed by a great advance in the price of rice. At Mandalay rice was cent. per cent. dearer than at Rangoon, and the people had no means of its becoming cheaper.

Engine-drivers on the Punjab Railway have been on account of certain stoppages being ordered by the government from their monthly pay.

It is reported that an expedition is being organized by the British Government for chastising the Kaili tribe, who have been for months molesting our mails and carrying off our police.

Bishop Spalding, of Baltimore, is now in a state of danger. He intends as soon as he has fully recovered to make a journey to Rome.—The Catholic Bishop at Buffalo, New York, has just died, and it is thought he will be succeeded by Lynch, now at Toronto, such being his long-continued quest.

The sequence of the publication in the *Richmond* of articles violently denouncing Congress, Schofield has admonished the editor to a more moderate tone in his paper.

Correspondent of a China paper remarks:—The Spanes are daily and hourly becoming more and more dependent on foreign intercourse, and begin to show a decided enterprise in regard to trade and national development. The government officials are all to be seen in European style beginning from the Japanese.

In China we learn several villages have been burnt down by the rebels on the banks of the river near Grosvenor Island, and that the rebels are flying from that neighbourhood in large numbers.

A great shock of an earthquake occurred at San Francisco on Thursday, March 14, and was distinctly felt by many of the residents. The motion was but it was difficult to discern the direction in which the waves took.

DUBLIN, MAY 14.

The Special Commission was adjourned on Saturday, and on Monday next, in consequence of a number of bills introduced against whom true bills had been found not to be proved for their trial. The arguments on the merits reserves in the case of Captain M'Cafferty, convicted of high treason, were opened yesterday in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Court of Exchequer, on Saturday, before Chief Baron and Baron Hughes. The Rev. Dr. Butts, accompanied by three choristers of St. Patrick's Cathedral, did homage for certain of the lands held by the Dean and Chapter, by singing a Te Deum, according to ancient custom. The service was composed by Master Lumsden, one of the clerks of the 120th Psalm, beginning "Lift up your heads," and evinced great musical talent. After the anthem, the Rev. Mr De Butts read Morning Prayers; and the necessary certificates being signed, the Rev. gentleman and the choristers withdrew.

Court of Criminal Appeal yesterday the case of *Queen v. M'Cafferty* came on for argument and was reserved. Mr. Butt, Q.C. (who, with Mr. J.C., and Mr. O'Loghlen, appeared for the defence) contended that the evidence of the outrage which occurred when the prisoner was in custody ought not to have been received in evidence, and that the conviction was, therefore, illegal. The Attorney-General was heard in support of the conviction.

effect their virtual expulsion." Now this reasoning is totally inconsistent with the facts, for it is well known by those who so recklessly have made the assertion, that the retention of Dr. O'Sullivan need not necessarily result in driving away the Sisters of Mercy, for it is quite possible for them both to work harmoniously together for the next five or six years as they have hitherto worked. Let it be understood that the ladies who are at present in the house are not those who were originally elected; perhaps if the latter had been allowed to remain there would not have been any desire exhibited for seeking the interference of Dr. Parker, as if he had equal authority with the entire Board. By the way why should a Protestant be so extremely active on their behalf, and why should he be so constantly visiting the House? We could understand such a proceeding on the part of a Roman Catholic gentleman, as those ladies are of his own way of thinking, but that a strong Protestant, opposed in principle to Roman Catholic religious institutions, should become their advocate, is an anomaly nowhere else to be found.

The principle which is involved in this question is whether an irresponsible party is to influence the Government of an institution supported by the community at large; for if it be adopted and carried out in Limerick, it must be extended over Ireland. Has one party on account of his position a right to do what is denied to another party? The Protestant Guardians who were accused on Wednesday with attending the Board on behalf of Dr. O'Sullivan, were rudely taunted that it was through a hatred of Roman Catholicism and the Sisters of Mercy they attended and espoused his cause, as if such were a crime, although they solemnly declared the contrary, and that accusation has been reiterated in a local journal. Those gentlemen had a perfect right to go to the Board and to support Dr. O'Sullivan, if they considered him the aggrieved party, and there was a manliness of proceeding in their conduct which contrasts favourably with that of others, who seeking Dr. O'Sullivan's expulsion from the house, have sought the accomplishment of their desires by underhand means. There seems to be a new and extremely novel doctrine upheld in Ultramontane circles which, if allowed to become general in its practice, may produce an extraordinary result in Irish affairs. The ex-officio Guardians of the Limerick Union are denounced as bigots for upholding Dr. O'Sullivan against the Committee of gentlemen who seek his expulsion, but not a word is said against those Roman Catholic clergymen who have canvassed Guardians, and have worked as energetically against him as if it were a great party question to be tried. Now why should it be lawful for Roman Catholic clergymen to act thus, and make the subject one for an alter discourse, and unlawful for country gentlemen to assert their rights? According to Ultramontane zealots because a man happens to be a priest it is lawful for him to act as he thinks fit, but the contrary on the part of a Protestant gentleman. The latter, according to this new ecclesiastical moral code, is to have no conscience, no mind of his own; for if he have he is sure to be met with obloquy, and told it is his instinctive bigotry which influences him in his acts. Now, if this doctrine is to hold good, the Roman Catholic priest who is undergoing six months' imprisonment in Monaghan Gaol for smashing in the head of a Roman Catholic gentleman ought to be set free; for in accordance with Ultramontane ethics (of the Limerick school) he had a right so to treat the pugnacious gentleman who prevented him from seizing property for several years in his possession on a deed of assignment. It is also right for a clergyman to indulge in a mild altar denunciation of Dr. O'Sullivan upon a day set forth for the worship of God and the preaching of peace and good will between all men, and no one has a right to object, because the denunciation came from clerical lips. Would it not, we ask, be more creditable for Roman Catholic clergymen, if they are to interfere in such affairs, to enter the Board Room as Guardians and state their views openly, and not be concealing themselves in the sanctuary, or intriguing for a poor man's overthrow? Can it be said that a Protestant gentleman is ever influenced by his clergymen, or that in the case of Dr. O'Sullivan one of them ever intrigued to get votes in his favour?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR,—A paragraph in the *LIMERICK CHRONICLE*, of 11th inst., refers to my absence from the House on the occasions of the divisions on the Land and Church Questions, and assumes that I did nothing with reference to either.

I provided for my unavoidable absence on the former occasion by *pairing* with Sir E. Lacon, M.P. for Yarmouth, and fully determined to be in the House when Sir John Gray brought forward his motion on the Church question to fulfil my promise to vote for enquiry. At the last moment, when too late to procure a pair, my medical attendant absolutely forbade my leaving my room.

No one can regret my absence more than myself, and I am certain that my friends in Limerick will have some sympathy for me when they know that it was caused by severe illness.

I am, your obedient servant,
(Signed)
F. W. RUSSELL.

27, Lancaster Gate, W.,
13th May, 1867.

On this day a meeting of the clergy of the diocese of Limerick, convened by the Lord Bishop, was held in the Chapter House attached to the Cathedral, for the purpose of forming an association in order to effect an improvement in the system of the Sunday School teaching throughout the diocese, and for the holding of annual examinations in this city, and awarding prizes to those distinguished for the best answering, from various districts. There were about forty clergymen in attendance, who responded to his Lordship's summons, including the members of the Chapter, the Very Rev. the Dean, the Chancellor, Treasurer, and the Prebendaries of Donoghmore, Croagh, Ardcanney, Effin, Kilpaco, Tullybrackey, Ballycane. The Lord Bishop addressed the meeting at considerable length, during which he threw out very valuable suggestions, and he expressed the utmost desire to co-operate, in every way that he possibly was able, with his clergy, for the advancement of religion and true Church principles throughout the diocese. His lordship's address was listened to with the greatest attention, and the gentlemen present appreciated his beautiful discourse, pregnant with so much that will become practically useful in the furtherance of the object for which they met. The meeting appointed a committee for the purpose of framing rules and bye laws which, when approved of by another general meeting, will constitute the working system of the Association.

DEATH OF EDWARD HODGES GOGGIN, ESQ.

We deeply regret to announce the death of this estimable gentleman, which took place at his residence, Meelick, on Sunday night last. He had been in a declining state of health for the past few years, and although he frequently attended the meetings of the Board of Guardians, and occasionally presided, still it was apparent to his friends that he was declining fast, and his death, though not expected so soon, cannot be considered as premature. Mr. Goggin was a gentleman possessed of the most benevolent nature, who always sought occasion to do good, but who never could be induced, in his official conduct, to swerve from the path of rectitude and honour. He was for many years Deputy Vice-Chairman of the Limerick Board of Guardians, and when the annual elections came about, he was on every occasion re-elected unanimously, while his proposer and seconder each time always spoke of his sterling worth and the uprightness of his character. He was greatly esteemed for the possession and particular exhibition of the best qualities of the head and heart, and it is but affirming a general belief that he was in every sense a guardian of the poor, and his death will be lamented by the latter equally with his bereaved family; and the Board of Guardians will miss a most courteous and painstaking chairman, who, when he presided, performed the duties of his office with dignity. The funeral will take place on to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

Wyndham Thomas Viscount Adare has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Limerick, and was duly sworn in by Mr. R. Ryan, Esq., Temple Mungret, Justice of the Peace for said county.

Entry for Banogue Handicap, 60 Sovereigns:—Mr. Megher's Little Moll; Mr. Barry's Sultan; Mr. Law's B mare; Mr. Morgan's Irish Molly; Mr. Manghan's Primrose; Mr. Annan's Blue Bell; Mr. Coghlan's Sun Flower; Mr. Lyon's Maid of Honor; Mr. Creagh's Little Arthur; Mr. Morgan's Quagga; Mr. Barry's Little Wonder; Mr. Gubbin's Jane.

We have received a letter from Mr. Rody Shine, in which he contradicts what he describes as "some false and malicious assertions in connection with my name, which appeared in the *CHRONICLE* of Saturday last, and signed 'a Guardian.' I deny having been in the house of any guardian drinking from nightfall on the 6th ult. till one o'clock on the 7th ult. And more, I can prove on oath that neither before the investigation or after it was over did I take any kind of drink from any guardian, or any one else, with the

Kelly escaping, and He was sent to gaol. Maurice Lister Green Hills; Ph conlish; and John each fined 2s. ar M'Namara, of th similar offence, ar and costs for same

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ANOTHER ARREST

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On Wednesday D.L., of Greenfield white, and present constables who ha Fenian rising, on The names of the the direct sanction zeal and attentio Burke, Sub-consta Parker. The con pected kindness, a ing that their conc approval.

Constable Grego Cahir for several y 22 years of useful annum.

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The officer con ceived orders to b embark at Cork on to Malta.

The Commander the head-quarters o district shall be mo station, instead of Lieut. Col. Mackay arrived there.

The Secretary of lowing 5s. per day pressing the late F land, as the usual c their regimental u usual rates of field service