

At a meeting of the Reform Fete and Banquet committees on Tuesday night, Mr. J. Potter, the chairman, read a letter from Mr. Gladstone, expressing his hope that the banquet would be a great success, and stating that his best efforts next session would be devoted to removing the imperfections in the new Reform Act.

The military store department in Woolwich has been engaged night and day since Monday in arranging and procuring pack saddles, horses, and other military necessaries for the Abyssinian campaign.

THE PREMIER.—The *Globe* says, it is with deep regret we learn that Lord Derby is again suffering from an attack of his old malady, the gout. He is at present staying at Knowsley, surrounded by members of his family.

The *Daily Telegraph* remarks that there are no allusions to foreign politics in the King of Prussia's speech, consequently nothing that can positively offend the most sensitive opponents of German unity; but sharp critics can hardly overlook the significance of a reserve so marked. While all this means peace, it no less plainly means unity.

The *Times* observes that some general plan of union has become an imperious necessity, but as yet the conception of a plausible scheme for that purpose baffles the creative faculties of Count Bismark himself. A military and commercial compact is all that North and South Germany contemplate for the present, and the King thinks himself justified in characterising the task which he lays before the Diet as a work of peace.

Mr. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., has accepted an invitation to be present at the opening of the Barrow and Furness Railway, on the 19th inst., at Burrow.

The telegraphic of the St. Leger by "Hotspur" in the *Daily Telegraph* says:—Fordham did not ride yesterday at Doncaster, in consequence of the death of his eldest child, and may not appear on Vauban. Opinions are divided as to Hermit's gallop yesterday, the majority maintaining that he pulled up distanced. Achievement is cool, collected, and perfectly well. Nothing galloped so well yesterday as Julius, and he is in splendid condition. Verulan will run for the St. Leger, the object being but to ensure pace for Vauban. The north countrymen entertain hopes of a coup with Fervaques. "Nemo," in the *Advertiser*—Parry will ride Vauban, Challoner, Achievement, and Constance, Hermit. Twenty-three are left in, 18 of whom are coloured.

On Monday, the foundation stones of three houses of the Stockwell Orphanage were laid, in the presence of a large gathering, chiefly composed of Mr. Spurgeon's congregation. The interest of the occasion was enhanced by the presence of Mrs. Hillyard, the lady who many months ago gave £20,000 for the purpose of founding an orphanage for boys, and whose name has been secret up to Tuesday. Several additional large sums have been contributed and are promised to the undertaking.

A James Wilson, solicitor, was charged before the Liverpool magistrates on Saturday with passing a bad half-sovereign at a fruiterer's shop in Ranelagh-street. The case was rather a curious one. The prisoner first tendered a good half-sovereign, and when the fruiterer was looking for change, he said, "Oh, you need not change the half-sovereign; I have copper." He fumbled in his pockets. "I find I have not the change after all," he said, and then again offered a half-sovereign, which the fruiterer, believing it to be same one which had been tendered at first (and which he knew from the examination to be good), at once changed, giving Mr. Wilson 9s. 9d. When Wilson had left the shop the half-sovereign was found to be bad, and he was subsequently apprehended. The case was remanded.

At the Bradford Borough Court, a man of the name of John Lawler, was recently charged with obstructing the police. A card was found in his possession, which bore a representation of the Fenian Stephens, surrounded by portraits of Mulvaney, J. O'Connor, T. C. Corry, J. O'Leary, W. F. Rean-tree, O'Donovan (Rossa), and C. J. Kickham. In the centre of the card was the letter "C," having at the top the words "The Irish Republic," and underneath "The Irish Fenian Executive." There were some other emblems and portraits on the card.

The smackmen plying off Mersea Island, on the coast of Essex, have discovered about 1,200 casks of fine gunpowder floating about in that locality. The value of the whole is estimated at about £1,000. It is supposed that the powder has been thrown overboard by some foreign vessel which had got amongst the shallows. The casks have been duly landed and placed in the magazine belonging to the tower at Brightingsea.

FAMINE IN SICILY.—A letter from Palermo says—"To the horrors of cholera have been superadded in Sicily the horrors of famine. A drought, which has now lasted nearly two years, has parched up vegetation and deprived the flocks and herds of the food necessary for their sustenance. The cities and towns are deserted by the wealthier inhabitants, the shops are closed, the markets scantily supplied. In Palermo the kilograms of mutton for 3½fr.; veal and poultry are fetching fabulous prices, and brandy and rum of very inferior quality from 12fr. to 18fr. a bottle. The cholera, however, is abating. The municipalities are exerting themselves to feed the poor, and have despatched steamers to the mainland of Italy and the Island of Sardinia for grain and cattle.

All doubts as to who is to be the next President of the United States seem now to be removed. Grant will undoubtedly be the choice of the Republicans, and will walk over the course. I do not believe the Democrats will have the courage to put anybody against him.—*New York Correspondent of the Daily News.*

According to the statement of the Minister of Finance to the Austrian Reichsrath, the current year has been provided for, and gives a small surplus estimated at 1,800,000G.; but even this is problematical, as there are, strange to say, some 29 millions of florins of interest coupons which have not been claimed.

The Greek Catholic Bishop Sterka Salutz, head of the Wallachian party in Transylvania, died on the 8th inst., at Hermanstadt.

Joseph Wiggins, accused of the murder of Agnes Oakes, at Limehouse, has been committed for trial.

The Danish army, in conformity with the newly adopted military organisation, will be called out in their new cadres, in October next, for military service, which is to last two months. It is stated that by that time 40,000 breech-loaders are to be finished.

It is stated that Garibaldi will return into Umbria after the peace conference at Geneva. The Ministerial organ, the *Gazette del Popolo*, considers a Garibaldian movement inevitable, and states that preparations for an invasion of the Roman territory continue on the frontier.

From New York, per the "City of Antwerp," via Queenstown, we learn it is authoritatively reported that the recent protracted interview between General

Monday, being the fifth day of the proceeding, [the Manchester Trades' Union inquiry was resumed before Mr. Pickering, Q.C., Mr. Barstow, and Mr. Chance. The evidence obtained was by far the most important that has been disclosed so far during the inquiry. The first witness called detailed the circumstances attending the murder of Police-constable Jump in 1862. Another witness named Hipwell gave an account of numerous outrages in which he, with others, was concerned.

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THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1867.

A letter has been received in Limerick from an authoritative source, stating that Judge Berwick, owing to illness, has resigned his seat in the Bankrupt Court, and that the vacant judgeship has been conferred upon Mr. Longfield, Law Adviser to the Castle authorities, and lately member for Mallow.

In our last publication, under the Dublin heading, a typographical error occurred in a paragraph which stated that "the *Evening Mail* has a very sharp attack on the Lord Mayor, in consequence of recent legal appointments," &c. It should have been that it was on Lord Mayo, who is the Chief Secretary, and has an influence in all the principal legal appointments of the Government in Ireland.

We understand that an English company has just been formed for the purpose of systematically fishing the River Shannon, from the Scarlet Tower to Loop-head, by means of sail boats and nets of an improved construction. It is supposed that by these moveable engines the take of salmon on the Lower Shannon will be immense, and will be also most profitable to the projectors. The Company's principal station is at Ringmoyle, where offices and stores are being erected. A gentleman of considerable intelligence and experience in the fishing of large rivers has come over and is now engaged in perfecting the arrangements which are expected to be complete in a short time. It is much to be regretted that while there are around us on every side means and opportunities of developing the resources of the country, it is left to strangers to seize upon those advantages that are carelessly cast from us. The result will be now that four-fifths of the fish in our prolific river will be snared before they come within the range of our local fishermen.

A meeting of the burgesses of Thomond-gate ward was held on Tuesday evening, the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, P.P., in the chair, to call on the Town Council to take into consideration the neglected state of that neighbourhood, by not having a fair share of the taxation of the borough laid out there on improvements which are greatly needed. Resolutions in accordance with the objects of the meeting were agreed to.

Stone-throwing, we regret to say, has become a dangerous nuisance in Upper William-street, where a number of juvenile urchins congregate in the evening, about dusk, and before the watchmen go on their beat, and they amuse themselves at smashing occasionally the glass in the houses of the locality, to, of course, the danger of the inmates. Several panes of glass have been broken in the houses of several most respectable residents of the neighbourhood lately, and we would suggest to the police authorities to order a sharp look out after juvenile stone-throwers, with the view of punishing them, as an example to their confederates.

On this day the Messrs. Spaight's timber sale came off in the yard near Mount-kennett. The sale was conducted by Mr P. Coleman, and commenced at 11.30 a.m. and continued till about 2.30 p.m., when every lot was disposed of at excellent prices to purchasers, from Ennis, Kilmish, Tipperary, Newcastle West, Killinane and other places.

The following is the programme to be performed by the band of the 74th Regiment, in Pery-square, on Saturday next:—

- March—"Rosen."
- Overture—"Les Cheval De Bronze," Auber.
- Waltz—"Isar Lied," Gunge.
- Selection—"Sonnambula," Bellini.
- Mazurka—"Black Forest," Kukner.
- Ballet—"Les Vespres Siciliennes," Verdi.
- Quadrille—"Le Palais D'Industrie," Verdi.
- Galop—"Merkur," Koedeberk.
- God Save the Queen.

Some very fine specimen roots of white carrot, and long red mangold were sent to our office to-day, grown by John Moore, Esq., on his farm at Kilkree. These roots speak highly of Mr. Moore's farming, as they prove what can be done by good tillage. These roots are a portion of a splendid crop growing within 500 yards of the sea, close to the "Look-out-hill" at Kilkree. The seed was bought at Mr. Spong's Seed Store, Wellesley Bridge.

The police of Kilkurley station, two miles from Dundalk, have arrested on suspicion a man named James Markey, who came from Liverpool last Saturday. A revolver of five chambers, all loaded, was found on his person, and it is said he is spending at the rate of several pounds a day. It appears he has been for some time under the surveillance of the Lancashire police, where a murder and robbery took place and it is understood that it is in consequence of a communication from the detectives there that he has been arrested. He was taken before the resident magistrate, Captain Coote, who remanded him to the county gaol previous to his transmission to England. The *St. Leger* was won yesterday by Achievement, Hermit 2nd, and Julius 3rd.

THE RESULT OF INTEMPERANCE.

On Thursday evening, a man named William Kelleher, a bailiff in the employment of John Brown, Esq., J.P., for over twenty years, met his death upon the Foynes Railway under very harrassing circumstances. It appears on that day he received £3 to pay a number of harvest men at work for his master at Adare, and whether he went by rail is unknown, but he must have got drunk, wandered on the railway towards Adare, where it is supposed he lay down to sleep, overcome from the effects of drink, and fatigued

SUPPOSED DEATH BY SUICIDE.

On this day an inquest was held in the City Court house, by John Gleeson, Esq., coroner for Limerick, into the death by drowning of an old man named Thomas Lenane, whose body was found in the river, at Howley's Quay, on yesterday morning. The deceased, who was about 85 years of age, created some amusement in Limerick by his marriage with a young girl about sixteen years of age, who, it is reported, married him believing him to be possessed of a large sum of money; but disappointment ensued, and the pair it seemed lived unhappily, and owing, it is said, to a row which he had with the wife on Monday night he threw himself into the river about 2 o'clock on yesterday morning. The following gentlemen were sworn as a jury:—Alexander Rowand (foreman), John Walsh, John Robinson, Michael Ryan, Michael Cusack, Joshua Jacob, John Black, George Smith, James Smith, Thomas Norton, Michael Norton, Michael O'Connor, William Lynch.

The Jury having viewed the body, the following evidence was received:—

Catherine Lenane (nee O'Donnell) sworn and examined—The deceased was my husband; we were married about four months; I will be seventeen years old the seventh of next June; my father who is a labourer, is alive, but my mother is dead; my husband told me he was sixty; the last time I saw my husband was at two o'clock on Wednesday morning, in the room where we lived, No. 3, Shannon-street; he did not go to bed on Tuesday night; neither did witness, who lay on the floor in her dress; there was no bed in the room, and deceased sat by the fire; there was only a bedstead with mattress when they married; about a month ago he went to the workhouse and left witness behind, but he came out on Wednesday week; there were nine or ten pounds due for rent, and deceased went into the workhouse to avoid his creditors, and he directed witness to sell whatever furniture they had, till he came out, and when he came out of the workhouse he would leave Limerick; witness carried out his directions, and supported herself on the proceeds of the sale; went to see him four times at the workhouse; before going out he first went to hang himself, and made three attempts to hang himself; he would go into the room, saying to witness "good bye," and each time he would return and say he would go and drown himself; on that (Tuesday) morning he lost 2s which preyed on his mind, and said he wished he was in "Patrick's Church when he lost them"; it was about half past twelve at night when he attempted to hang himself; when going out he said he was going to drown himself.

Coroner—Did you believe him?

Witness—I followed him in the direction of Mr. Spaight's yard; he went down Shannon-st., and turned towards Bedford-row; came up and spoke to him and told him it was a great shame for him to be startling and frightening me so much; he replied that he did not ask me to follow him at all; he turned up Bedford-row as if going home again, and I went along before him, and waited at the door till he returned, and at the hall door he took off his coat, saying: "I won't drown my coat, and the tide is not high enough yet"; I thought it was humbugging me he was, and he came up stairs with his coat in his hand, which he threw on the floor, and he sat by the fire; I lay on the floor, and he took out a penknife, and said—"see me bleeding to death," placing the blade to his throat; I said "Tom what are you going to do?" he said "he would drown himself"; he then got up and went out, and I followed him down; I saw what I thought his vision leaving a shop on the quay, and pass behind a cart at the front of it; I thought he was only humbugging, and I returned; a neighbour told me not to mind him, as he was only trying to frighten me; I returned home, and sat in the room with another girl, till about 3 a.m., when I heard a step on the stairs, and thought he was coming up, but he did not, and shortly afterwards the police came up, and told me of his death; when he went out the second time I thought he was going to do what he had previously done, and that he would return. He did not drink, for he took the pledge he told me 27 years ago from Father Mathew, and had a medal; we lived on good terms, but when he went out and returned he used to say to me that I did not care for him as he heard I used to be walking with young men; when I married him I thought he had money; every one told me if I married him I would be very happy, but my father had nothing at all to do or say to our marriage.

Coroner—I am very glad to hear you say that, for the sake of humanity. Did your husband say he had money?

Witness—He did; he did not say how much he had, that no one would know what he had; He said a gentleman held his money for him; I never asked the gentleman whether his money was in his hands; when pressed for the rent we used to sell the furniture, nevertheless he had the money, for he never drank, and was very saving.

To a juror—He never attempted to commit violence on me.

To Mr. Jacob—He did not appear to be of unsound mind.

To another Juror—He was jealous of me; he said I liked young men better than him; I hit him with a piece of mortar two or three times for saying I was walking with other people; on Sunday evening Katy Moloney and I went out on a walk, and when we came in he said I was walking with other men; and on Monday morning he said to me to get my breakfast from those I was walking with on the previous night, and then I flung a small piece of mortar at him, which struck his hat as he was going down stairs; it was the only time I ever struck him, except once before he repeated the same accusation that it was for young men I was dressing and not for him; he was going to strike me with a shovel, when I struck him on the nose with a chair in my defence.

Evidence was next given as to the finding of the body, and Head-Constable Robinson proved that when he went down to the quay he found a piece of an old handkerchief tied to a chain attached to a schooner, and he believed that the deceased did not really intend to commit suicide, but attached the handkerchief around his neck, and then to the chain, in order to be seen by the watchman or some one else there, but the handkerchief being old and rotten it broke, and he fell in and was drowned.

The jury returned a verdict of found drowned.

A NEW SHIP FOR LIMERICK.

It gives us great pleasure to copy the following paragraph from the *Quebec Daily News*, in reference to our fellow-citizen Mr. Spaight, and which we are sure that his own friends, and those of the Spaight family in general, will take a delight in reading:—

"The Governor General, Lady Monck, Colonel the Honourable and Mrs. Monck, and the Misses Monck, visited the ship *General* at the wharf."

£4,900, but about £750 remained uncollected. That rate was not adequate for all the purposes.

Alderman Quinivan said that there were £3,750 lodged, leaving £1,050 uncollected, and striking off £350, left £700 yet available.

The City Treasurer said that the payments for watching, cleansing &c., amounted to £200 a week, which had to be met, and the sums voted to-day would have to be paid out of the rate struck last July. He held in his hand a number of cheques which would overbalance the £700 that had yet to be collected, although their account at the Bank was over-drawn by £250.

The Chairman informed the Council that they would have to pass an additional vote of 7d. or 8d. in the pound to meet the deficiencies.

Mr. M. Kelly said he considered that Mr. Hunt ought to be called on to collect the £700 due, in order to pay off the demands upon the Council.

Mr. Barrington condemned the practice of striking inefficient rates, and he recommended that a proper rate be struck at once.

Dr. Kans asked why the rates were not struck in July?

The City Treasurer replied that that could not be done.

The Town Clerk explained that the general purposes rate and improvement rate were collected together after the assizes, and they could not strike the improvement rate until after each assizes.

At length the Chairman moved that an improvement rate of 1s 8d in the pound be struck, which Mr. M. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Barrington asked why they could not strike a larger rate.

The City Treasurer replied that they served notice on the ratepayers to strike a 1s. 8d. rate, which they could not increase, but could reduce.

The Town Clerk stated that they were guided by the Act of Parliament.

Alderman Quinivan moved that the rate struck be 1s. 7d., which would show the people that they were economising.

The Chairman said that on the opinion of Mr. Murphy, he could not receive the amendment.

Mr. Murphy said that the rate of 1s. 8d. would be £180 short of the estimates, and therefore the amendment could not be put unless they considerably reduced the estimates.

Mr. L. Kelly seconded the amendment. He said that if they came to strike the rate in July they would see how they stood and what they wanted. He agreed that they should pay off every legitimate demand, but he also agreed with the remark that the more they advanced the more they expended.

The Chairman said that there were cheques for £2,600 yet to be paid, out of the balance of £700 yet to be collected.

Alderman Tinsly next spoke in favour of the amendment.

Mr. M'Mahon, as one of the most heavily taxed ratepayers of Limerick, proposed to pay a few pence additional out of his own pocket, then asking the public to pay the additional amount, with heavy interest afterwards.

After a discussion as to the legality of the amendment, the latter was put, when it was carried, on a poll, by a majority of 9 to 4. After the disposal of some routine business, including the striking of the general purposes rate, the Council adjourned.

THE GREAT MUNSTER FAIR.

An adjourned general meeting of the commissioners was held yesterday (Wednesday), at three o'clock, at their office, 50, George-street, to elect a chairman, in place of George Vandeleur, Esq., resigned, and to transact other business.

There were present on the occasion—Alderman John Watson Mahony; Henry Maunsell, JP; George Fosberry, JP; J. C. Cooper, JP; Robert Rodger, JP; Robert M'Murray, JP; M. R. Ryan, JP; George Sampson, JP; E. J. Synan, MP; J. R. Tinsly, JP; L. Quinivan, JP; W. Franklin, Esq., &c.

Alderman Mahony was called to the chair. The Secretary, Mr. Anglim, having read a letter from the late Chairman, George Vandeleur, Esq., Ballinamona, resigning that office, it was proposed by George Sampson, Esq., and seconded by M. R. Ryan, JP, and agreed to, "that the resignation be accepted, and that a vote of thanks be passed to that gentleman for the great interest and ability he evinced in forwarding all measures that was useful to the Fair, and for his courtesy as their Chairman for the number of years he presided over them."

Henry Maunsell, Esq. proposed, and J. C. Cooper, Esq. seconded, the appointment of Lord Clarina as their future Chairman, which passed unanimously.—It was the feeling of the meeting that no more practical person could be found and one so useful as a resident nobleman, and encourager by example of agriculture.

LIMERICK UNION.

The weekly meeting of the Board of Guardians of this Union was held on yesterday, Mr. Zachary Myles, T.C. D.V.C. in the chair. There were also present Messrs. J. Cronin, T.C., F. Ward, T.C., W. Clanchy, James Ryan, Robert Holmes, J. Clune, M. Gleeson, Denis M'Namara, Jeremiah Bresnahan, W. Goggin.

The Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting which were signed by the Chairman.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Remaining on Saturday week 1301; admitted since 101; discharged 125; died 1; remaining on Saturday 1279; reduction on cost week 22; increase on last year 111.

Hospital Report.

In the workhouse hospital, 820; in fever do., 20; in lunatic wards, 106; total, 646.

Classification of Inmates.

Able-bodied males, 162; do. females, 425; aged and infirm males, 128; do. females, 168; boys between nine and fifteen years old, 115; girls do., 89; children of both sexes between five and nine years, 69; do. between two and five years, 66; under two years, 61; total, 1279.

FINANCE.

From the Treasurer's book of receipts and expenditure produced, it appears that there was collected and lodged in bank during the week £716 7s 2d, collected as follows:—Mr. Bowerman, £268 8s; Mr. Cooke, £165; Mr. Hartigan, £70 12s; Mr. Brennan, £212. Paid since, £409 4s 2d; balance due to the bank, £3,042 1s 10d.

Average cost of each inmate:—Able-bodied 1s 8½d; in infirm ward, 2s; in infirmary, 3s; in fever hospital, 3s 11½d; average, 2s 7½d.

Cost of provisions received during the week, £172 11s 1½d; do. consumed, £171 1s 4½d.

THE BOARD AND DR. O'SULLIVAN.

Mr. James Ryan questioned the Clerk relative to the mode in which he made the tender of the £83 to

CITY POLICE.

Before John M. Esqrs.

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