

Horse Guards in recreation rooms, has had a beneficial effect, both in the attend- and numbers of members at the various re- rooms. Now the long winter nights have this month will prevent the men from seeking at questionable places of public resort.

E. J. Reed, C.B., late Chief Constructor of the Navy, is about to make a cruise in the Mediterranean for the benefit of his health as soon as arrangements for building the new Channel are completed, and the results of the first working of Earle's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Hull, of which he is the chairman, have been laid before the shareholders. This is at present building six large mercantile passenger steamships, two ironclads, and numerous smaller vessels. The ironclads, although of 2,000 tons, will carry 9-inch armour at the line.—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

Wednesday experiments were made at the Camp, Aldershot, to test the recently con- sidered narrow gauge railway which has been laid between the Field Stores Depot and the Bar- stores. A large number of engineers were present. Mr. J. B. Fell, the inventor of the sys- tem, explained its advantages. The line is up- on of one mile in length.

## LIMERICK QUARTER SESSIONS.

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*Hallinan v. Dunner.*

There was an action to recover £10 loss and damage by a plaintiff by reason of a horse purchased from a defendant not working according to the engage- ment. The animal was purchased on the 18th of November at the fair of Rathkeale. The engage- ment was denied, and after hearing the evidence, the Court gave the plaintiff a decree for £3 and costs.

When his Worship had announced his decision, the defendant became a little excited, and said in a loud voice, "God forgive you."

The Chairman (believing the observation to be addressed to the Court) characterised it as a con- siderable offence, and reminded the man that he was liable to imprisonment for what he had done.

The defendant here explained that it was to the effect of the observation was addressed, and not to the Court.

The Chairman then commented on the frequent occurrence of such interruptions; which he said it was impossible for him to check. He had seen some of these late interruptions noticed in a sensational manner by some of the newspapers, but he was not to be troubled for them. If some foolish man stood up in court and made a statement he could not pre- vent, but it was generally described in the newspapers on the following morning as "A scene in court." If on another occasion a juror stood up with his box before his Worship had time to pre- vent him speaking and accused the magistrates of representing the citizens of Limerick, and there- upon, that was described as another "scene."

This was not all. He was represented as in- terfering with the jury in the finding of their verdict. In a jury has been for some time in their room deliberating their verdict they perhaps meet with difficulty, and they return into court to ask the presiding judge or chairman regarding it. Then go in again, and perhaps, find a verdict in accordance with the direction they receive. This was done by every Judge of Assize and by the Chairman at Quarter Sessions, and was per- fectly legitimate, but he found a similar direction by a juror to a jury in a recent assault case described in a most sensational form in one of the newspapers. He was also represented in the same manner as sentencing one of the prisoners, found guilty by that jury, to 18 months imprisonment for a serious assault, a crime which the law only punished with 12 months imprisonment. Then he was not represented in a most sensational manner in- terfering with the jury, but was represented as passing an illegal sentence on the prisoner. His Worship observed that the reporters generally gave very correct accounts of the proceedings at that court, and he appealed to their common-sense and asked them not to represent as doing illegal things which he did not do. He (the Chairman) observed that the means of defending himself from those interruptions, and it was too bad that he was subject to such systematical misrepresentation, and made it impossible for all those interruptions which occur in courts. No other Chairman in Ireland

provided with a pass to do so.

Mr. M'Donnell—What do the Trustees seek? Do they require this woman to go into the market and retail her can of milk there?

Hurley—They require her to pay a toll, and she can then get a ticket which will allow her to sell it about town.

Mr. M'Donnell—Then would it not be better to summon her for not paying the toll?

Hurley—I don't know; I can say no more about the matter.

The witness further stated that other women paid the toll.

The defendant said she had been advised by her solicitor (Mr. Ellard) not to pay the toll.

Mr. Boyse—If they all don't pay this toll, I think it would be a great hardship for Mrs. Moloney if she were compelled to pay; but, perhaps, as Mr. Frawley, the inspector of markets, is in court, he will be able to give us some information on the matter.

Mr. Frawley said there was a large number of milk sellers who paid the toll, and in order to accommodate those who delivered the article at the houses he had a weekly and daily paper, so that they need only come once a week to the market to procure the tickets, and then they could sell wherever they chose for the remainder of the week.

Mr. Boyse—What do you charge?

Mr. Frawley—A penny on each tankard, and a half-penny on each can.

Mr. M'Donnell—Is there not a notice of motion pending at the Market Trustees Board to rescind this clause, which imposes such restrictions on these people?

Mr. Frawley—I heard there was.

Mr. Boyse—I think we ought to dismiss this case. It is very hard if some pay, and others do not.

Mr. M'Donnell—It is not for not paying the tolls she is brought here at all. It is for supplying milk outside the market.

Mr. Frawley—And under the new Act this is a violation of the law.

Mr. Ellard here entered court.

Mr. M'Donnell said these women were only doing what they all knew was done before any of them was born.

Mr. Ellard contended that when the Market Trustees were pressing under a penal Act, and when these people were brought in from the country day after day, the trustees certainly did not deserve any indulgences from the Court if they meant to proceed with the case.

Mr. M'Donnell, after reading the section of the Act, said he failed to perceive anything in it to favour the prosecution. He never knew milk to be called a market commodity.

Mr. Ellard said he saw by the papers last night that the trustees were about to consider it, and if the bench were going to postpone it—

Mr. M'Donnell—The bench are divided in their opinion, but I, for one, am for dismissing the case.

Mayor—Mr. Ellard, the majority of the bench are for dismissing it.

Mr. Lenihan—I would be very sorry to impose unnecessary tax upon any one, but I think the case ought have been fully heard before a decision was arrived at. I dissent.

Mr. Ellard—The Act was never intended for such petty things as cans of milk.

## THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CITY MAGISTRATES.

Previous to the rising of the Court,

Mr. Boyse said the Barrister alluded the other day to a case which had not been sent before him for adjudication, and also to the city magistrates in general. Now on looking at the book he (Mr. Boyse) found that this occurred some five years ago, and that the magistrates who presided at the trial were Mr. M'Sheehy, Ald. Tinsley, Mr. Phayer, and Mr. Roche. The party was sent to gaol for six months. Was not that it Mr. Hall?

Mr. Hall (clerk)—You will see the order there.

Mr. Boyse—Yes, to be imprisoned for six months with hard labour. The Barrister complained that this case was not sent before him, and said if it was he would have given the man seven years' penal servitude. I stated in the Court to the Chairman that I had nothing whatever to do with that decision, and the Barrister made a mistake when he stated it was from me he heard this account of the case, as I never heard a word of it until I went into the Barrister's Court and heard him make this statement. I thought it right to bring this matter before you to-day, and to state that I know no more of the transaction than the

master's salary be increased from £36 to £45 per annum. A letter was read from the Local Government Board refusing to sanction an increase of from 23s. 9d. per ton to 26s. on Mr. John Shaw's contract for the ensuing six months. It was agreed to request the Local Government Board to issue an order for election of two guardians for the Ennis union, in room of Messrs. Greene and Barry, both having become ex-officio by virtue of their offices as magistrates. The Board shortly after adjourned.

INQUEST.—On yesterday an inquest was held by Mr. John Cullinan, of Bindon-street, at the work- house, on the body of Bridget Sheedy, one of the female pauper nurses who had died suddenly the previous day. Evidence having been given of the delicate health of the deceased, the jury found that she had died by the visitation of God.

ENNIS TOWN COMMISSIONERS.—At the next monthly meeting of this body, Mr. Thomas O'Meehan, T.C., will be, it is understood, unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year, in room of the outgoing Chairman, Mr. John H. Harvey. It is also considered that after Mr. O'Meehan's term of office expires another chairman will be elected without opposition. If such be the case, it will furnish evidence of great unanimity.

## BIRTHS.

Brown—At Ballincollig, county Cork, the wife of J. Brown Esq., Lieutenant and Adjutant, 17th Lancers, of a son.  
Long—At Mayfield, Cashel, county Tipperary, the wife of Robert H. Long, Esq., of a son.  
Roebuck—At Armagh, the wife of Captain Algernon Disney Roebuck, of a daughter, stillborn.  
Croly—At Harcourt-street, Dublin, the wife of Dr. Henry Gray Croly, F.R.C.S.I., of a daughter.  
Harvey—At Bromley, county Wexford, the wife of Crosbie W. Harvey, Esq., of a son.  
Phenix—At Somerset House, Temple-road, Rathmines, co. Dublin, the wife of George Phenix, of a daughter.  
Fury—At Longford, Mrs. Fury, of twins.  
O'Reilly—At Trim, the wife of Francis J. O'Reilly, Esq., M.D., of a daughter.  
Mackworth—At Park-street, Westminster, London, Lady Mackworth, of a daughter.  
Greene—At Spring Bank House, Crieff, the wife of Major Laurence Greene, H.M.'s 10th Fusiliers, of a son.  
Steevens—At Colville-road, Bayswater, W., the wife of Lt.-Colonel Nathaniel Steevens, of a daughter.  
Freeling—At Government House, Grenada, West Indies, the wife of Lieut.-Governor S. Freeling, C.M.G., of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

Anthony and Delany—At St. John's R. C. Church, Killarney, Mark Anthony, Esq., M.D., H.M.'s 47th (Lancashire) Regiment, to Nannie, daughter of Barry Delany, Esq., M.D., Sion, Killarney.  
Smith and Twigg—At Booterstown Church, county Dublin, Henry S. Smith, M.B., Surgeon, H.M.'s Bengal Army, son of the late Rev. Wm. Smith, M.A., to Lucy Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Rev. Samuel Twigg, rector of Tamblight, diocese of Armagh.  
Smith and Taylor—At the Parish Church, Coolkenno, diocese of Leighlin, county Wicklow, the Rev. James Wm. Smith, curate of Coolkenno, to Mary Prudentia, youngest daughter of Edward Taylor, Ballyconnell House, county Wicklow.  
Rice and Hall—At St. Peter's Church, Dublin, Wm. Rice, Esq., late Surgeon R.M.S. Service, eldest surviving son of the late Matthew Rice, Esq., of Belgrave-square, East, Rathmines, to Eleanor, daughter of the late Thos. Hall, Esq., Harcourt-street, Dublin.  
Heather and Hoffe—At Ratharnham Church, co. Dublin, David C. W. Heather, Staff Assistant-Surgeon, youngest son of the late Rev. D. D. Heather, D.D., to Sophia, youngest daughter of the late John Hoffe, Esq., North Fareham Farm, Fareham, Hants.  
Holmes and Russell—At St. Bartholomew's Church, Sydenham, William Henn, second son of the late Robt. Holmes, Esq., of Moycashel, county Westmeath, C.S.N.W.P., to Mary Rachel, second daughter of John Scott Russell, Esq., Westwood Lodge, Sydenham, and granddaughter of the late Sir Daniel Tolger and Lady Harriet Osborne, of Beechwood, county Tipperary.

## DEATHS.

Elmes—On the 23rd of October last, at Victoria, Australia, Jonathan, youngest son of the late Rev. John Elmes, Vicar of St. John's.  
Smith—On the 27th October, at Villiers' Buildings, Frances, widow of the late William Smith, Esq., of Derryvale, Roscrea.  
O'Farrell—At his residence, Tritonville-road, Sandymount, county Dublin, Edward O'Farrell, Esq., sen., proprie- tor of the *Sligo Champion*, and for many years editor of the *Dublin Evening Post*.  
Irvine—At Newtownards, Katie Elizabeth Seaver, wife of William Stewart Irvine, Esq., and daughter of the late Rev. Charles Seaver Courtenay, aged 29 years.  
Sterling—At Castlecomer, county Kilkenny, Sarah, wife of James Sterling, M.D.  
Shaw—Mr. Christopher Shaw, of Eagle Hill, co. Kildare, for many years local agent to Mrs. Magan, Kilyon Manor, county Meath, aged 75 years.  
Maynard—At her residence, Glebe House, Chelsea, the Hon. Miss Marianne Maynard, youngest and last surviving sister of the late Viscount Maynard.  
Phillips—At Melbourne, Victoria, Thomas Phillips, Esq., J.P., formerly of Clonmore House, county Mayo, aged 72 years.