

mer had been intimate with the marriage. It now appears put by counsel to the petitioner, and not warrant that construction, in our telegraphic supply was foundation.

as number of the "Queen" is an issue of that well known journal to the usual literature of the articles on "The Primrose of the Duchess of Marlborough; of Educated Women," by Viscountess; "Women in Public," by the same; "Preventable Worries," by the same; and many others. The comments are "The Orphan," by Sir J. Lubbock; a portrait of "Sir Francis de Bunsen," by the Princess Louise (Married). The ordinary illustrations are well executed, amongst which are "Ladies of Note in George the Third," which are deserving of attention.

WARD.—Mr Gaffney, J.P., we are a candidate for the office of Alder-Dock Ward, rendered vacant by the late lamented Ald Phillips. Mr Gaffney, an old and very useful member of the Council, the general feeling of the constituents is that he thoroughly deserves elevation to the position of Alder-Dock Ward which he has so long represented in the capacity of Town Clerk.

FRED ARCHER.—We have seen in the possession of Messrs Guy and M'Quaide a splendid photograph of the late Lord. The carte is said to be a faithful representation of the celebrated jockey, and those who are interested in sport should not be without a copy. The photograph is 24 by 18 inches in size, mounted in a handsome gilt frame. It is to be had in a few days, tickets being only 1s each.

SHRIEVALTY.—The Town Clerk has received a letter from General Buller, Under-Secretary for Ireland, intimating that his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has appointed Mr J. G. Roche, of Roche's street, as High Sheriff of the City for the ensuing year. At the meeting of the Council three names in connection with the Shrievalty were selected under the Municipal Privileges Act. Mr Dillon was first on the list, Mr Abraham second, and Mr Mara third. The usual course of the first name has therefore been followed.

FROM MR A. W. SHAW, J.P.—In our issue will be found the first portion of a letter from the pen of Mr Alexander Shaw, J.P., on the subject of Agricultural Machinery, apparently called forth by our leading article of last Saturday. The letter is a very interesting one, and we are sure, will attract much attention from all interested in the promotion of the agricultural industries. It may be necessary for us to refer to the subject again, especially as Mr Shaw takes a different standpoint to ours. In the line of the letter (first paragraph) "farmers" occurs instead of "farmers" as in Mr Shaw's original manuscript.

NINETY PETTY SESSIONS.—The usual fortnightly Petty Sessions were held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Court-house, presided over by Captain Corker, (in the chair); Colonel M. M. M., and Mr H. S. Croker. Matthew M., of Clooherclooherty, prosecuted his wife for assaulting him on the 6th inst., and for selling his turnips on the 7th inst. The charge of assault was dismissed, and a fine of 10s was imposed for the larceny of the turnips. Sergeant Ayre prosecuted Daniel Lynch,

to their efforts. We have heard with pleasure that the committee are arranging to close the present half Session with a grand re-union during the Christmas week, in which local musical talent will be largely represented.

### DEATH OF ALDERMAN PHILLIPS, J.P.

It is with feelings of sincere regret that we have to announce the death of Alderman Richard Phillips, J.P., which sad event took place at his residence, Summerville, yesterday morning, at half-past eight o'clock. For well nigh four years, we believe, the deceased gentleman had suffered from a painful illness which necessitated his retirement, not only from his own business, but from the public affairs of the city. The absence of Alderman Phillips from these public duties was keenly felt, sympathy was universally shown towards him in his suffering, and although his death was not unexpected, still, when it was published yesterday, throughout the city the announcement was received by all classes and creeds of the citizens, with whom he was for so many years intimately associated, with unfeigned sorrow and regret. The deceased gentleman, as our readers are aware, was a member of the Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Guardians, Harbour Board, and Market Trustees, and several local charitable and benevolent associations, and his sound common sense and judgement proved of the greatest service to the commercial interests of the city. He was a constant attendant at each and every one of the boards alluded to; and the general experience which he thereby gained in all matters of local interest won for him a position of respect and confidence. His opinions had always the greatest weight on his fellow-members, whether opposed to him in politics or otherwise, and as a financier, we are safe in saying that he was unequalled in any public board. Whenever a question of a complicated financial nature arose at the Board of Guardians, Town Council, or elsewhere, requiring minute investigation, Ald Phillips's name was certain to be selected as one of the committee to which it was referred, and not infrequently was the report drawn up by him in the most simple and yet in the most clear and explicit terms. This, with the many practical letters relative to the welfare of the city, which were penned by Alderman Phillips and published in this journal, fully bore testimony to his great ability and his invaluable service as a public man. Again, he was a gentleman of most courteous demeanour and cool temperament, and a man, who we venture to say, never during a heated debate resorted to language which might be considered personally offensive. As a magistrate too, Alderman Phillips was likewise most attentive to his judicial duties, and while his decisions were characterised by firmness and strict impartiality, they were always tempered with mercy. A striking instance of the deceased gentleman's popularity was afforded a few months ago, when owing to his continued illness, the Alderman sent in his resignation to the Town Council. The members unanimously refused to accept it, and demanded that the position should be conferred on Alderman Phillips during his lifetime. He was also a member of the Diocesan Synod, and one of the Parochial members of the Council. For many years he was also one of the officers of Trinity Church, at which he and his family always worshipped. Alderman Phillips was a very successful and enterprising trader, displaying in his private business those virtuous qualities of head and heart for which he was remarkable in public. In politics, he was an unswerving Conservative, and invariably acted and voted with his party. The remains of the deceased gentleman were removed from his late residence at nine o'clock on Monday morning for interment in the family vault at St. Mary's Cathedral. The members and officers of the Corporation have been summoned to attend the funeral.

respectfully request the Government to construct and assist, if necessary, the completion of the loop-line connecting the Great Southern and Western Railway system with Kingstown, which would materially promote the safe and expeditious delivery of the mails, as well as the comfort and convenience of the travelling public." Mr Spaight has since received the following reply:—

"No. 486 M. General Post Office, London, 8th December, 1886.

"SIR.—In reply to your letter of the 6th of this month, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, I beg leave to inform you that the Postmaster-General has been anxious to maintain the service of the American mails by the route of Queenstown, and that in the arrangements which he has just concluded for carrying on that service during the next three months, two out of three of the packets will continue to call at Queenstown for the mails, namely, those of the Inman and International Steamship Company on Wednesdays, and those of the Guion Line on Sundays.

"For the third service in the week the Postmaster-General was unable to make satisfactory terms with the Liverpool lines, and he has therefore accepted an offer to carry the Thursday night's mails from Southampton.

"The joint tender sent in by the Cunard and Oceanic Companies was so framed as to give them a complete monopoly of the American Mail Service, and to preclude the Post-office from sending mails by any other lines, while the effective service they could themselves offer was virtually equivalent to only twice a week via Queenstown; and, consequently, the Postmaster-General, after anxious consideration of the question, has felt it his duty to refuse their tender and to make other arrangements.

"For carrying on the service after the next three months the Postmaster-General will be open to further offers.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"(Signed) S. A. BLACKWOOD.

"James Spaight, Esq., Limerick. P.S.—Herewith I send a printed paper on the subject of the American Mail Service, which will afford information with reference to the course of action recently taken by the Post-office in the matter.

"I am to add that the question of completing a loop line connecting the Great Southern and Western Railway System in Dublin with Kingstown is not within the province of this department."

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE CITY MONSTER HOUSES. TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE. Drapers' Club, 124, George-street.

DEAR SIR.—I am directed by the Committee and general body of the above Club, to thank you through the medium of your journal, our thanks to the proprietors and managers of four monster houses, for having agreeably consented to our request, viz—to close their respective establishments on Monday, 27th inst. am, dear sir, respectively yours, P. COLLINS, Hon. Sec.

THE RECENT STORM.—We hasten to correct report of our Ennis correspondent, that damage done to the Fergus reclamation near Clare Castle, by the recent storm, estimated at between £2,000 and £3,000, are well informed that the loss will be covered by £300 or £400. It is a matter of congratulation that these important works have come through the terrible ordeal of last Wednesday with such trifling injury. These works are widely known, and very many people take a great interest in them, and we are sorry if our correspondent's exaggerated statement has caused unnecessary alarm.