

will appear at the Theatre Royal in a very successful farcical oddity, entitled "Muldoon's Picnic." An English paper, speaking of the play, says:—"This is a farce of American origin, and is illustrative of Irish-American life in the land of the stars and stripes; and has now been played with the greatest success throughout the principal theatres in Great Britain, America, and Australia for upwards of five years. It is a farcical comedy, brimming over with fun of the most outrageously humorous description, interspersed with jokes, songs, and dance, and keeps the audience in one incessant scream of laughter from the rising to the fall of the curtain. During the performance the curious phenomena referred to as "the bricks fell down" will occur, in itself an incident provocative of untold surprise and delight." The reputation which "Muldoon's Picnic" has established as being "the funniest play on record" warrants us in anticipating large audiences at the Theatre Royal next week, and we should recommend all lovers of mirth and fun to see and enjoy this diverting production.

PROTESTANT AID HOME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
DEAR SIR,—I have seen a letter in your issue of Saturday evening last signed "A Lover of the Poor," making an admirable suggestion as to the raising of funds to sustain the above useful institution, and I have acted upon it. Would some other kind friends do the same.—Yours faithfully,

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CLOSING OF MONSTER HOUSES ON TUESDAY NEXT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
Drapers' Club, 124, George street,
Dec 20th, 1887.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to thank (through the medium of your influential journal) the managers of the very extensive drapery establishments of Messrs Todd & Co, Cannock & Co, and the Limerick Warehouse Co, for their kindness in closing their firms on Tuesday, 27th inst, at the request of the members of the Drapers' Club. This is only one of the many favours conceded to the assistants of these firms by their employers.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
Thos Fox, Hon Sec.

WORKINGMEN'S REST ON ST STEPHEN'S DAY.

We have received the following letter from a Working Man, which we gladly insert as it stands. We hope the request will be responded to, and we are sure working men and many others will fully appreciate the favour, and return to their work on Tuesday all the better for the rest of Monday.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
DE SIR—Would you so Kind trugh your vawble paper as Christmas day falls on Sunday to ax our large merchants to grant to us hard Working Men the following monday and god knows its the only day We get the Whole year around I am sure Dr Sir by your help in axing this Little Boon We Will Succeed.
"Yours a
"WORKING MAN."

FUNERAL OF MASTER PHELPS AT CLONLARA.

Yesterday the remains of the youngest son of Mrs Phelps, of Waterpark, were interred at Clonlara churchyard. The Very Rev the Dean of Limerick and the Rev E M O'Mally, Rector of Clonlara, were the officiating clergymen. The funeral embraced every class of the community, and the utmost sympathy was everywhere expressed with the popular owners of Waterpark in their sad bereavement. The remains were enclosed in a suite of coffins, the outer one being of polished oak, beautifully mounted, and bearing the inscription:—"Maunsell Robert Lecky Phelps, born April 19th, 1878, died December 15th, 1887, aged 9 years." The labourers on the estate bore the little coffin from Waterpark to its final resting place; and amongst the general public present were—Lord Massy, Colonel Vincent, Mr James O'Grady Delmege, Dr Gelston, Dr Ryan, Mr R W C Reeves, D L; Mr Norris Russell, &c.

neuey, Mr Stephen Dowling, J P; Mr John Ellard, the City High Sheriff, Mr Leonard, Mr Egan, Mr Boyd, Mr R Tait. Father O'Shea, assisted by Fathers O'Keefe and Shanahan officiated. Messrs P McCarthy and Son had charge of the funeral arrangements.

DEATH OF A LIMERICK GENTLEMAN IN NEW YORK.

Mr Daniel R Lyddy, a well known member of the American Bar, and a native of Limerick, died recently in New York. A New York paper gives the following history of the deceased gentleman—"The friends of Ireland and of national liberty-everywhere will be profoundly grieved to learn of the death of Mr Daniel R Lyddy, counsellor-at-law, which took place on Sunday morning last at his residence, No 57 West Forty-fifth street, in this city, after an acute attack of pneumonia which lasted nine days. The deceased was born in Ireland, within the ancient and historic city of Limerick, and was educated at the Jesuit College at Crescent House, Clongowes Wood, and subsequently at Stonehurst, in England. He took an active part in the national movements of twenty years ago, and was naturally by his talents, ability, and character a leader among men. During the civil war he first visited New York, and again returned in the year 1867. In 1870 he was called to the bar, and subsequently, on the motion of the Solicitor General of the United States, was called to the bar also of the Supreme Court of the United States, which sits in the Capital at Washington, D.C. In 1870 and 1871 he took an active part in the cause of municipal and judicial reform in New York City, and fought side by side with Charles O'Connor, Gov. J Tilden, Gov. Horatio Seymour, and many others. In the Fall of 1871 he was tendered the nomination of the Apollo Hall Democracy for Judge of the Marine Court of New York, but declined preferring to remain in private practice at the bar rather than accept a seat on the bench for a short judicial term. He was twice afterward nominated for the Senate, and the Assembly of the State of New York, but each time declined to accept public office. In the impeachment trial of Judge McCunn, of the Superior Court of New York, who was sought to be removed from his office, Mr Lyddy was one of his leading counsel, and was associated in the Judge's defence with John E Devlin, ex-Judge Seldon, Hon Nathaniel C Moak and General A C Davis. Mr Lyddy made his mark in this case by his learning as a lawyer and his great eloquence as an advocate. As a conversationalist and story teller he had few superiors, because he had read everything in English literature, and in a social sense was highly and intellectually gifted. As a host he was most kind and hospitable, and no friend or guest ever left his board without feeling the strength of his hospitality and his kindly nature. During late years he embarked very largely in real estate speculations, in which he was most successful and realized a large fortune. His country seat and his many other beautiful and costly cottages at Elberton, Long Branch, opposite the properties of the late President Grant and Mr W Childs, of Philadelphia, are the finest on the Atlantic coast and the admiration of everybody. The deceased was forty-five years of age, and leaves a widow, but no children; three brothers also survive him, two of whom are prominent members of the New York bar, and the other a New York merchant. The funeral on Wednesday morning at the new St Patrick's Cathedral, on Fifth Avenue, was a deserving tribute to the memory of the deceased, and showed the great esteem in which he was held. The church was crowded, and Solemn High Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev Thomas P Hodnett, of Chicago, assisted by the Rev Father McClosky and the Rev Father Lavelle, the Rector of the Cathedral. The Rev M C Farrell, the Rev John Crimmins, the Rev Father Dealey, S J; the Most Rev Bishop O'Farrell, of Trenton, who presided at the throne, and the Rev Father Power, also assisted in the ceremonies. The remains were subsequently interred in the Lyddy family burial plot at Calvary Cemetery. Requiescat in pace.

The Marquis of Salisbury has written to Baron De Worms, congratulating the Sugar Bounties

of Christmas cards embraces all images and designs, while the prices come within the reach of every one as well as the great. In these are very taking specimens of local vi painted in the city, which we feel c meet with extensive patronage, and also gelatine and ivory cards of exquisite finish. The juvenile mind finds ible charms in the toy department, replete with the latest novelties in the art. There are dolls of every cla unbreakable, dressed and undress rubber, jointed, Nankeen, and so on, of course vary in size as well as in co and Chinese lanterns are shown, tog cubes, puzzles, clock-work toys, Chri ornaments, rocking horses, miniature lators, drums, and, in fact, everythir way that the versatile mind of the takes a delight in! Special mention made of the talking doll, which is w spring, and also of a toy similarly by which three kittens are made dan music of the violin performed by a feline. Some toys of this descriptio variety of miscellaneous fancy articles, a in the show-windows, which, it is scarc sary to remark, are decorated with c taste and skill, and attract a continuo sightseers. Another window is devo handsome collection of ladies' furno there is also an interesting display of and other lace goods of various patterns, with cuffs, collars, silk handkerchiefs, such like. The various clothing dep have received full attention, and it may that a large supply of blankets and re clothing is available for charitable pur specially reduced terms. A brief and outline, such as this is, would fail to adequate description of the misc character of the fancy goods on view a Cannocks', and this can only be reali personal inspection.

Messrs William Todd and Company at their long established warero choice and attractive collection of goo able for the present season, which will r time occupied in their inspection. Th trade of the firm is an extensive one, almost unnecessary to say that in the dep devoted to this branch of business many ful and interesting novelties will be There is a very large variety of mechap other toys, Christmas tree ornaments, dolls, games, etc, plush photo screens and a thousand other articles of a us ornamental character. We find a very l select assortment of the newest style of Cl and New Year's cards, and no the hosiery, lace, dress and fur depart large variety of articles eminently suit Christmas and New Year's gifts. Th some handsome specimens of Limerick l collection of fur goods cannot be excell the dress and mantle departments are with goods from the English and French n The furniture department is likewise fu plied and no one need be at a loss to selection from the very large display of c Japanese goods, flower and umbrella star which are open to inspection. There a some handsome music stands, old fashioned mirrors set in plush, and so on. In brass is a display of newspaper and musical t table gongs, &c. We were also struck w large quantity of goods suitable for cha purposes which are marked at special prices. Altogether the Christmas disp this well known house is of a most varie attractive character. It may be added that passing through the establishment we n three very compact fire apparatuses whic firm have lately imported from the manuf of Messrs Merryweather and Sons. The windows of Messrs Todd are arranged with wonted taste and skill.

The Limerick Warehouse Company are degree behind their rival establishments i quality and attractiveness of their Christm play. Two of their show windows are fringed with variegated holly, and display to advantage a bewitching assortment of toy fancy articles. Conspicuous amongst the fo is a life size figure of Father Christmas.