

regiments of the line. Orders have been given that these regulations shall be printed and they will shortly be published specially.

The drivers of J Battery 3rd Brigade Royal Artillery, stationed at Fermoy, mutinied on Sunday, owing to being compelled to do two days' stable duty before breakfast, and refused to obey the orders of the officers or non-commissioned officers. The colonel, who is on leave, has been telegraphed for, and the men have been made prisoners at large pending his arrival.

The Baroness Burdett Coutts, with Mr Bartlett Burdett Coutts, arrived at Queenstown yesterday, en route to Baltimore, and was presented by the Chairman of the Town Commissioners with an address from that body, to which her ladyship replied in an interesting speech, dealing with the question of the development of the Irish southern fisheries, which owe so much to her benevolent aid. Mr Burdett Coutts also spoke.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16, 1887.

Those who have maintained that a dry summer is always good for Ireland on the whole have had an exceptional opportunity in testing the accuracy of their opinion by actual experiment. The present season has been most unusually dry, thus exhibiting the most marked contrast with last year, which was unusually wet and cold. At first sight, and taking the most casual glance over the country, what peculiarly strikes the eye is the lightness of grass in districts where formerly there was an abundant yield. In some places this lightness of the crop might be characterized, especially this month, as total absence of anything green. This seems at first sight a very serious state of affairs, and doubtless to particular owners so it is. But, on the other hand, it must be considered that wherever the crop was saved, the process incurred little or no expense, it might be said to have saved itself, thus avoiding an outlay which sometimes was considerable. On low-lying swampy land the amount of hay saved has been unusually great. A whole of an excellent crop has been saved at very slight expense. In a wet year such a crop last year, the hay crop on these lands might have been seen rotting on the ground, not worth the trouble of picking up, or merely taken up to be used as bedding for cattle or for manure. Now by the

proceedings are likely to be invested with a great amount of interest.

CITY POLICE COURT—Dr O'Shaughnessy and Mr G W Bassett attended at the City Police Court yesterday morning, but there were no cases for hearing.—Mr J B Irwin R.M., the Mayor, and Ald Z Myles, presided this morning. There were nearly a dozen cases of drunkenness for hearing, and fines varying from 1s and costs to 5s and costs with the option of 7 days' imprisonment with hard labour were imposed.—Adjourned.

FIRE IN THE CITY.—On Sunday morning, about 8 o'clock, a fire broke out in the timber yard of Mr Punch, Market Lane, and in half an hour's time several sheds were burned down to cinders. A large quantity of timber and some cooperage utensils were also destroyed. The Corporation Fire Brigade was speedily on the scene, and rendered as much assistance as they possibly could. The conflagration was got under shortly after 10.30 o'clock.

MELANCHOLY FATALITY.—We regret to have to record the death of Miss Lizzie Tuohy, daughter of Mr D Tuohy, Town Clerk. The sad event took place on Friday, and was the result of tetanus, brought on by a severe burning, caused by the explosion of a paraffin lamp. During the last few days of her life Miss Tuohy was in constant suffering—suffering which she accepted with resignation to the will of God, and bore with touching patience. She was held in true respect and esteem by those who knew her, and her memory will be lovingly cherished, not only in her family circle, but by all who enjoyed her personal friendship. The deepest sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.—*Clare Journal*.

THE DOCK STRIKE.—The strike is still unsettled, and it is said that the companies concerned have made arrangements by which they can dispense with the labourers if the strike is not speedily ended. A rumour prevailed in town to-day that consequent on the strike the rates on goods coming into Limerick by rail, and otherwise, were likely to be substantially increased, and that a conference of railway and steamboat companies officials was held at the Limerick Junction this morning. The reported increase of the rates is, however, entirely contradicted by at least one authority. The matter generally speaking is a very serious one for the citizens, and we trust public opinion will be brought to bear on the labourers in order that they may see the utter fruitlessness of the conflict in which they are engaged. A number of the extra Police drafted into the city in connection with the strike have returned to their stations.

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