

as meeting. After full and patient discussion of the resolution, the Directors felt they should carry out their previous decision—or, in other words, to keep on the men they have at their employment, and who have filled the ranks of the strikers.

A TAT.—An excellent authority informs us it is not true that the Directors of the Limerick and Limerick Railway Company at their meeting to-day passed a resolution calling for the re-instatement of all the carters and sweepers on strike, on the ground that they are a deserving body of old men, and that the interests of the trading community should be guided by the directors' advice."

STRIKE OF CORPORATION SWEEPERS AND CARTERS.

Since the strike of the city carters and sweepers continued for eight days now the streets have never been cleaned nor repaired. The state of the lanes can therefore be better imagined than described, while in the principal streets refuse is accumulating in the channels and cannot cross from one footpath to another without being ankle deep in mud. The stewards have ordered by the Cleansing Committee that after the flushing of the lanes have been done so, and the result is they have been done by Mr. Forrest, High Constable, till the morning on Tuesday next, when tenders for cleaning the city—divided into districts—will be considered. Some able-bodied men in the Workhouse refused to take up the cleaning of the streets when asked by the corporation yesterday, so that every remedy had to meet the present emergency has been exhausted. Meanwhile, matters are becoming more serious for the citizens, and it is evident that a sanitary point of view steps will have to be immediately taken to have the streets and lanes looked after.

PARNELL'S VISIT TO ENNIS.

A meeting of the Parnell Leadership Committee was held at the Town Hall last night, presided over by Mr. Parnell, and there were about forty members present. It was decided that the committee should send the Ennis demonstration on Sunday, and that the three city bands be invited to accompany the deputation. It was announced that the 'Pig Buyers' Association would be represented on the occasion. A subscription list was opened, and a sum collected sufficient to defray any expenses which might be found necessary. A further meeting of the committee will be held to-night. A woman's London correspondent says:—I tried to state that there is no foundation for the report that the Ennis meeting on Monday next has been abandoned or postponed. The meeting will be held as arranged, and Mr. Parnell will cross over on Saturday to be present at it.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCURENCE AT KILRUSH.

AND INSTRUMENTS STOLEN.

[TELEGRAPH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]
A deal of local commotion prevails in this morning, in consequence of the instruments of the Kilrush brass band having been stolen from the Federal Club Rooms last night. The band was in practice during the past fortnight, and was to be present at Mr. Parnell's meeting at Ennis on Sunday. This gave offence to the anti-Parnellites. The instruments cost about one hundred pounds. The thieves will be sworn.

Mr. Waters, the contractor for painting the vessel, was examined, and said the gangway was not put there for his use, as it was the outside of the vessel that he was painting. He could not say to whom it belonged. He did not want the gangway at all, and his men had no business in going on board the ship. Some of his men brought it alongside the quay, and helped the captain's men to make it fast to the ship.

Mr. Connihan, Solr., who appeared for Mr. Waters, said he did not want the gangway. It was put there for the use of the captain's men. Mr. Waters' men were not working at the time of the accident, which occurred between two and three o'clock.

Mr. Dundon, Solr., appeared on behalf of Captain Growney, and said that if the gangway had been used in a proper manner the accident would not have occurred. He did not see how any blame could be attached to the Captain or Mr. Waters, as five persons were going across the gangway at the time.

The jury again retired, and after a long deliberation returned the following verdict:—"That Robert Petri died on the 27th instant, and that death was caused by a fall occasioned by the breaking of a gangway from the wall of the Graving Dock to the ship Garryrechan, on which he was working, and we consider that the said gangway was not strong enough for ordinary use."

SAD CASE OF DROWNING.

An inquest was held to-day by Mr. Coroner DeCourcy, and a jury, of which Mr. Ambrose Hall, junr., was foreman, into the circumstances connected with the death of Patrick Connell, whose dead body was found floating in the Shannon, near Landsdowne Factory, the previous evening.

Bridget Connell, daughter of the deceased, identified the body as that of her father, who was over fifty years of age. He resided at Rathbane, was a widower, and had up to a few months ago followed the occupation of a carmen. Deceased left his home on Tuesday last, but did not acquaint anyone as to where he was going. Witness was not aware that he had any dispute with anyone, nor she did not believe that any person would harm him. Her father was a man of intemperate habits.

Constable Furlong stated that about twelve o'clock yesterday his attention was called to the fact that a dead body was floating in the docks. He went down to where the body was. Deceased's clothes were saturated with mud. With some assistance witness removed the body to the bank, and on searching his clothes found five shillings in silver and eightpence halfpenny in coppers and a deposit receipt on the National Bank for £13. There were no marks of violence on the body.

Sergeant Griffin stated that on receiving the receipt from the constable he proceeded to the National Bank, and on making inquiries there he was informed by the clerk that the deceased had been there the day previous and had got £1. Deceased was perfectly sober at the time. He had also made inquiries if the deceased had been in any public-house on that day, but was unable to obtain any information on the point.

The jury found a verdict to the effect that deceased met his death by drowning.

HOW THE PRIZE BUTTER WAS MADE.—At the winter show of the Royal Dublin Society held last month, out of 18 prizes awarded for butter 12 were made by the Petersen Separator and 6 from skimmed milk. No other separator produced prize butter. This plainly shows the Petersen to be the best machine. The agents for Ireland are Messrs Carson & Sons, Dairy Engineers, 21, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

were causing the city he would just mention a matter. He was solicitor to the Limerick Condensed Milk Factory, and owing to the strike the employees the managers of the concern had made arrangements for getting some of their work done by machinery in the future. The result of that would be that where ten men were formerly employed one or two would do now. The adoption of this course, compelled by the strike, would prove a calamity to working people in this city. The Chairman—I would like to know who served by those strikes—nobody.

Mr. McDonnell—Unfortunately the city is getting a bad name by those strikes, and traders are disposed to have nothing to do with the city consequence.

The Chairman—The strikes were discussed by Lloyd's the other day, the centre of the great insurance trade of Great Britain, and the exclusions arrived at was that shipowners would be compelled to exclude Limerick from the foreign trade to the West Coast of Ireland. In the event we would have to import from Tralee, Cork or Waterford.

Mr. Cleeve—On account of the strikes? The Chairman—On account of the exorbitant rates charged, and the merciless way in which ships are placed owing to the Dock strikes.

Mr. McDonnell—That would be a very serious thing for the city (hear, hear).

The resolution was then unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned.

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS—THIS DAY. (Before Mr. J. B. Irwin, R.M.)

A young man named Thomas Griffin was brought up in custody, charged with the larceny of a bush of flour, the property of Miss Ryan, Herbertstown.

Mr. Lawless, D.I., prosecuted, and Mr. J. Moran, solr., defended.

Sergeant Hutchinson stated that he arrested the accused on suspicion on the evening of the 23rd inst. He had sugar in his possession, and questioned as to where he got it, the prisoner replied he had found it on the road. He gave the name of Tyrrel at first, but subsequently admitted that his name was Griffin. The sugar was value for about 18s.

Michael Callaghan stated that he had been entrusted with the carriage of the sugar by the owner, but when he got home he found he had lost it. He was in a drunken condition on the evening, and was unable to say how he became dispossessed of the sugar.

Further evidence went to show that the sugar had offered for sale.

His worship said that if the prisoner had appropriated the sugar to his own use without making inquiries as to its owner he was guilty of larceny.

Mr. Moran, on behalf of the accused, pleaded guilty.

His worship decided, under the circumstances, to deal with the prisoner under the First Offence Act, and directed that he should find bail himself in £5 and two sureties in £2 10s, to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.—Madam Worth Celebrated Guinea Corsets (black 25s) may be obtained from her Local Agents, Messrs Cannon and Co. (Limited), Limerick. Dec. 10.

Why not take advantage of a good offer holding good this month only, to make room for New Spring Goods. Remember, 5s 6d hats, shirt gloves, silk handkerchiefs, &c, less 20 per cent come at 4s 6d. Bear in mind 10s 6d umbrellas, boots, leggings, fancy vests, &c, less 20 per cent come at 8s 6d. Don't you forget it, that 21 boots, rugs, &c, less 20 per cent, come at 17s. Some splendid 50s waterproof coats, less 20 per cent, come at 40s.—C. CORWELLS, 53 & 55, Thomas-street. (Jan. 1.)