

value to any record of opinion made about their crops by farmers, to state what occurred, a fortnight ago, in the Stirling showyard. A Mr McJannet (like most men trained to respect accuracy by habitually taking weights and measures in mercantile practice) was sceptical as to the correctness of the assumption, which is made by almost every farmer, that he can weigh cattle sufficiently well by his eye and hand. He induced the Highland Society to allow a weighbridge to be erected in their ground, and he sent two fat bullocks with it to be exhibited. These were shown to everybody on the first day. Everybody who liked to try his skill was invited to write down, on a sealed paper, what he conjectured that the bullocks would weigh as carcases. He (Mr McJannet) himself weighed the animals alive; and from the scale which he has framed estimated the amount of carcase present, and wrote his conclusion, sealed it, and sent it in with the rest. During the night the cattle were slaughtered, and before noon next day they were weighed by creditable experts. The actual figures were declared, and it was found, on comparing these with 159 guesses, that not one of the guesses was right. Only one guesser came anything near the weight of both bullocks; and there were only a few guessers who came creditably near the weight of one. In some cases the guessers were "out" by 2cwt. Mr McJannet's use of the weighbridge brought his estimate within 5lb of weight of one bullock and 10lb of the other, which shows that a weighbridge is a means of invariably obtaining a fair approximation. Both butchers and graziers got very far astray about individual bullocks; although the former class—habitually under-estimating—does not, in the long run, probably get much less than they bargain for when buying by guess-work.

DISCOVERY AT DROGHEDA.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says—A large house is at present in course of construction in Narrow West street, one of the leading thoroughfares of Drogheda, and a few days ago a remarkable discovery was made by the workmen. After excavating about ten feet beneath the surface the workmen displaced a large flagstone, under which a large, dark subterranean passage was discovered. It is considered that this discovery reveals one of the subterranean passages for which old Drogheda was famous. One of these subterranean passages extended from the town to Mellifont Abbey, where Derverghail, the wife of O'Rourke, Prince of Breffni, ended her earthly career in penitence and peace.

Announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths not exceeding 5 lines (which must in all cases be duly authenticated) are charged 2s 6d each. For very additional line, 6d.

BIRTH.

Bennett—August 27, at Charleston, Ballinacurra, county Cork, Mrs John H. Bennett, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

Edgeworth and Knox—July 23, at St. Mary's, Johannesburg, Cecil Roger, son of the Rev Essex Edgeworth, Kilshrewly, Edgeworthstown, Ireland, to Alice, daughter of the late H. J. Knox, Durban, Natal.

DEATH.

Gubbins—At Lima, Peru, on 20th July, Henry Gough, youngest child of George Gough and Rosa Frances Gubbins, aged one year and six months.

Aug 27

B E E S.

FOR SALE, 6 Bar-Framed Hives, Bees, and Honey, as they stand, together or separate. Apply, "Bees," *Chronicle* office.

Aug 22

A FEW Stock-Soiled Solid Tyre and PNEUMATIC SAFETY BICYCLES will be sold at very reduced prices. Apply to COLE, NELSON & Co, 39 Patrick-street, Limerick.

Aug 22

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS FOR SALE, suitable for a lady. Apply 7, Cecil street, Limerick.

Aug 22

FOR SALE, 8-Ton Cutter in commission; a bargain; owner leaving lake. Particulars from H.C.M., Mount Shannon, Co. Galway.

Aug 29

K I L K E E.

TO BE LET

2, BRIGHTON HOUSE, FROM 1st SEPTEMBER.

Apply to MRS SIKES, River View, Limerick.

Aug 29

MENTANA VILLA, LAUREL HILL AVENUE, TO BE LET.

Apply to

J. MCARTHY, Solicitor, 10, Glentworth Street, Limerick.

Aug 25

HOUSE TO LET.

NO. 12, THE CRESCENT, with garden, coach-house, stabling, and yard at rear.

For particulars apply to

J. P. HALL, Solicitor.

Office—100, George-street, Limerick.

March 12

TO BE LET—House at Killaloe, containing Parlour, Sittingroom, five Bedrooms, with Stabling, etc.; Rent moderate. Apply to H. Winder, Killaloe.

Aug 15

BARMAID—An experienced person wants a situation as Barmaid; good references can be given. Address E H, office of this paper.

Aug. 29

GROCER'S ASSISTANT just disengaged, wants situation; highest reference. Apply to K., this office.

Aug 29

WANTED Coachman and General Man. Apply, stating wages, to "Co." office of this paper.

Aug 27.

WANTED by a Dublin Brewery an Agent for Limerick and District. Reply by letter to Brewery, care of Eason and Son, Ltd, Advertising Agents, Dublin.

Aug 29.