

up to 75 degrees Fahrenheit fell to 45 or Bandon district also experienced the effects of the storm, two cows having been killed, and a quantity of hay set on fire, notwithstanding that a short time previously there had been a perfect deluge of rain. In the event tropical weather who would expect a shower of hailstones, but such a thing was experienced at Ballyhooly, near Fermoy, and nearly half an hour telegraphic communication from various points with Fermoy was completely suspended. The latter observation applies to Middleton, on which line the telegrams were delayed, owing to temporary disarrangement of the telegraphic arrangements. A second fatality resulting from the storm occurred at Dingle, where a boy named Livan was killed, and another had a narrow escape, a ditch on which he was standing being split in two.

Our fourth page will be found the shipping returns for the Port of Limerick for 1892. The number of vessels with cargoes that entered the Port was 62, with a tonnage of 60,692. Of these 47 left, carrying with them 14,088 tons of ballast, rest, presumably carrying nothing. Our export trade, therefore, is limited to stones, &c. The vessels that entered the Port include 45 British, 1 Norwegian, 4 German, 2 Italian, and 1 United States. The coasting return is somewhat better, and exhibits 397 vessels leaving the Harbour, carrying with them a tonnage of 1,125. The comparison with the returns of the same years ago shows that whilst the number of vessels entering and clearing the Port has somewhat diminished, the tonnage in both cases has increased slightly. The Cork return shows an increase both in the number and the tonnage of vessels entered as compared with 1888, though the return as to exports is not much more flourishing than that for Limerick. During the year there entered Cork Harbour 161 vessels with a tonnage of 117,494, and there cleared 60 with a tonnage of 5,276. The total shipping return for Cork is more than four times that of Limerick. The tonnage entered for Cork is 5,658 as compared with 156,064 for this Port, and the number of vessels is 2,739 for Cork, against 505 for Limerick.

Perhaps, some of our readers would oblige us with a copy of the *Chronicle* of the 27th May.

We are requested to state that Mrs R. De Rosse's garden party is unavoidably postponed.

An agency telegram dated New York, Saturday, says:—"Mr St John Gaffney sailed to-day in the *Arizona* for London. His journey is connected with Irish political prisoners."

The Synod for the United Diocese of Cashel and Emly will be held on Thursday, the 29th of June, and that for the United Diocese of Waterford and Lismore on Tuesday, the 4th July.

A meeting of the Harbour Board was summoned for yesterday, but owing to the absence of quorum, no business could be transacted. The members attending were—Mr J O'Mara, J P, and the Chairman S O'Mara.

The Rev Frederick Langbridge, Rector of St John's, Limerick, has been commissioned to write

DEATH OF MR CHARLES ST JOHN GELSTON.

We record this evening with profound regret, which is shared by the citizens generally, the death of Mr Charles St John Gelston, fourth son of Dr Gelston. The sad event was wholly unexpected, and a gloom, the extent of which cannot adequately be expressed, prevails throughout the city at the removal from amongst us of a young gentleman who was beloved by a very large circle of friends. Indeed it is hard to realise that one who enjoyed perfect health but a week ago, and busied himself in the active affairs of every day life, is now no more, and his death is all the more melancholy because of the very sad circumstances surrounding it. On Tuesday afternoon Mr Gelston rode out on his bicycle to pay a visit to a friend in the country. He was returning home in the evening about seven o'clock, and when near St John's Hospital a boy ran across his bicycle. In endeavouring to avoid him Mr Gelston forgot his own danger, and his machine colliding with a large stone, he was upset. He sustained a very bad wound on the right side of the face and bled profusely. He rolled his bicycle home, where Dr Gelston, his father, found him in a most tremulous state, and suffering very acutely from the effects of the accident. It may be remarked that the young gentleman was not as well able to bear the consequences of the mishap as others might, inasmuch as he suffered very much from shock since the stranding of the steamer "Mona," in which he was a passenger to the Isle of Man last year. The sufferer remained in his room on Wednesday, and on Thursday came down stairs. On Friday morning he walked to Barrington's Pier, and in the afternoon proceeded with his father as far as Spillane's Tower. The extreme heat adversely affected his condition, and it would appear that after returning from his walk he went down town a short distance. Here he showed symptoms of sunstroke, and had to be conveyed home by Mr Haran, Manager of the National Bank. Naturally he became gradually weaker from the effect of the sunstroke, and on Sunday at 4 p.m. an effusion of blood on the brain resulted with unconsciousness, and death took place at a quarter past nine on Sunday night. Dr Gelston, Dr T Gelston, Dr R P Gelston (Ennis), and Dr O'Neill, Resident Medical Superintendent Lunatic Asylum, attended him during his illness. Mr Gelston was an officer of the National Bank, which he joined in April, 1878, and his first station was Newtown Barry, Co. Wexford, where his kindly and amiable manner made him a general favourite. In the local church he took a great interest, and, we believe, acted as organist. In 1881 he came to Limerick on the death of his brother, the late Mr Ringrose Gelston, and has since remained here. He was extremely popular with the manager and officers of the bank, not to speak of the general public, who found him most courteous and obliging, always receiving at his hands a kind and genial welcome. Throughout the city, as we have said, Mr Gelston's death is deeply deplored, and the utmost sympathy is expressed with his highly-respected father and family in their great affliction. The funeral will leave 68 George-street on to-morrow (Wednesday) morning, at ten o'clock, for the family vault at St. Munchin's Churchyard. The deceased gentleman's only sister, who is married to Colonel Hunt, eldest son of Mr Robert Hunt, J.P., arrived to-day at 1.30 from Plymouth.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT KILKEE.

A very unfortunate accident occurred at Kilkee on Sunday last. Mr P. Boland, a mechanical engineer residing in the city, came down on the steamer excursion, and on arriving at Kilkee pro-

LATEST NEWS.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.]

LIMERICK CHRONICLE OFFICE, TUESDAY EVENING, 7 P.M.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

REPORTED ABANDONMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CLAUSES.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* understands that the Government will abandon the Financial Clauses of the Home Rule Bill, and empower the Irish Legislature to frame the Budget not exceeding five million pounds, the Imperial Parliament to approve of the Budget.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION.

The 56th anniversary of the Queen's accession was celebrated at London and Windsor to-day by the ringing of bells and firing salutes.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales arrived at the Royal Agricultural Show, Chester, at eleven o'clock to-day from Eaton Hall, and made a tour of the yard. There is a very large attendance this morning.

THE RAMSGATE MURDER.

William Noel was again before the Ramsgate bench to-day charged with wife murder.

Mr Sanders said the prisoner betrayed genuine emotion when he saw him at 4.20 on the afternoon of the murder.

Henry Wm Marsh Shepherd said the prisoner went to Redhouse Marshes for some lamps two years ago, and on three occasions had a young woman with him. The last time they lingered about together, apparently collecting flowers, long after the lamps were ready. It was not the same woman always. Once they remained two hours, and witness spoke to his wife about Noel.

Cross-examined—It might have been four years ago; the first woman might have been Mrs Noel; prisoner behaved properly.

Re-examined—The females mentioned were younger than Noel.

Answering the Chairman, witness said he was almost certain they were different women; Mrs Marsh remarked it was peculiar for Noel, a married man, to be in the marshes with females so long.

Agnes Pidduck, a Wesleyan Sunday School Teacher, said the prisoner about ten months since asked her to nurse a lady; she understood it was a confinement case, and refused, not caring to nurse a woman for a married man; she thought a lady ought herself to have arranged for a nurse; she found no time to tell Mrs Noel.

Cross-examined—She had no idea at the time there was anything wrong with prisoner's morality, nor had she learned who the person was referred to by Noel.

Proceeding.

THE CHARGE AGAINST MR DEASY, M.P.

At the Westminster Police Court to-day, Mr John Deasy, M.P. for West Mayo, was charged