

the portions of a watch (produced) by him; he did not know either of the watch or the watchmaker, and he never saw them before.

John J. Weller, George-street, deposed that on the 23rd inst, the prisoner Lynch offered a watch for sale, which he said, he found at a watch station; witness told him call again in the meantime he communicated the name of the watchmaker; the defendant did not return.

Charles Murphy deposed to the prisoner Lynch.

Witnesses at first denied the larceny, but they afterwards pleaded guilty, and they were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Adjourned.

**END TO AN ENGAGEMENT.**

**A DOCTOR POISONED.**

The Association's Northampton correspondence:—Dr Andrew Aikman was at his house this (Friday) morning. He was to have been married a fortnight, but on the eve of the wedding his bride refused and induced him to leave her, and the young woman who was to be his wife was so much upset that she is still lying ill. Dr Aikman died last night, and it is believed that he was poisoned himself.

A dispatch says:—Dr Aikman had upon leaving home been staying with his parents in Edinburgh, and reaching Northampton on Thursday evening he went at once to the house of Miss Barrett, a young woman to whom he was to be married, and was conducted by Miss Barrett to her bedroom, where he remained until he was asked her mother to take great care of him. No words of reproach were used by her, and after leaving her he drove to his home, where he was joined by his brother and the Rev J Crossly Roberts, Baptist minister. The three had supper together, and then went to bed. Dr Aikman, who appeared fairly cheerful after the whisky and then went upstairs. When he came down stairs again he drank some more whisky, and appeared as though he was about to burst out crying. He then threw down his watch and his fingers began twitching, and he called for Dr Roberts and the deceased's mother. They sent for medical assistance, but it arrived in the course of a few minutes; but all was of no avail, as the deceased died very soon after Dr Copley reached him. A bottle partially filled with poison was found in Dr Aikman's bedroom. Miss Barrett is the daughter of a shoe operative, and her friends are said to have objected to her marrying into such a humble family.

[BY TELEGRAPH].

The jury at Northampton, to-day, returned a verdict against Dr Aikman, who poisoned himself on the consequence of a love trouble, complete while temporarily insane. The jury only condemned the influence of the young woman upon the deceased regarding the engagement. Miss Barrett has not yet been charged with Dr Aikman's death.

Jones's road, Amusement Grounds on Thursday, was yesterday reported to be progressing as well as possible under medical treatment, although still in a critical condition from her terrible injuries. The balloon has been picked up by fishermen near Dalkey.

**IN A BATH OF BOILING PITCH.**

Mrs Susan Maitland last night attempted to hold her child John, aged fully three years, over a boiler of pitch in Buchanan street, Glasgow, hoping that the fumes would cure the child of whooping cough; but being unable to hold the child over the boiler a man named Patrick McMahon undertook the task, but losing his balance he, with the child, fell into the boiling pitch. A witness rescued the child, and McMahon got out without assistance. Both were fearfully burned, and the child cannot survive.

The question of the most authenticated newspaper has been settled. Wednesday was the 271st birthday of the *British Press*, which was first issued in 1662. The title of the paper was *The Weekly News* from Italy, Germany, &c, and printed in London by J D, for Nicholas Bourne and Thomas Archer. The *London Gazette* did not appear till more than three years later—namely, February 5th, 1666, it having been first published under the title of the *Oxford Gazette* the first number of which bore date November 14th, 1665, the Court being then at Oxford on account of the Great Plague in London.

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

**BIRTHS.**

- Kane—May 26, at Whitehall, Limerick, the wife of R. J. Kane of a daughter.
- Gibson—May 26th, at 2 Newenham street, the wife of R. Gibson of a son.
- Browne—May 25, at 52 Brighton square, Rathgar, County Dublin, the wife of Joseph Browne of a daughter.
- Buchanan—May 26, at Prospect House, Co. Mayo, the wife of Colonel H J Buchanan, J P, of a son.

**MARRIAGE.**

Saillard and Rees—April 26, at St Mary Abbott's, Kensington, by the Rev J Blunt, M A, Philip Benard Saillard, son of P R Saillard, of Buchanan Hill, Esq, to Mina, daughter of the late W North Rees, of Carmarthen, and granddaughter of the late Rev W North, D D, St David's College, Lampeter.

**DEATHS.**

- MacDonough—May 27, at Athlunkard street, Mr Michael MacDonough, compositor, much regretted by his family and friends.
- Reeves—May 25, at Trafalgar terrace, Monkstown, Harry Pigott Reeves, youngest and dearly-loved son of Robert Edward and Souphia Louisa Reeves.

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