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Mr Roughan mentioned a somewhat similar case from his district.

Returning to the matter of the Sixmile Bridge cottage, from which the discussion had wandered, Mr Fitzgerald remarked they had done wrong, and unless they were forgiven by the authorities there was no remedy but to pull down the walls.

Mr Scott—The contractor is not responsible. What would be the cost of pulling down part of the wall?

Mr Killen—If you pull down any you will have to pull down the whole of it.

Mr Sexton—He could use the stones again.

Mr Fitzgerald considered that the best thing they could do would be to refer the question to the County Surveyor.

Mr Scott then drafted the following minute to meet the case:—"That Pat Farrell's letter relative to the labourers' cottage at Sixmile Bridge be referred to the County Surveyor, and he be asked whether it is necessary to remove the buildings already erected, or whether under the circumstances of the case the mistake which has been made by the board's architect and not by the contractor can be overlooked. An early reply is requested."

THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

With reference to the precautions to be observed in view of a possible outbreak of cholera, a further letter was read to-day from the Local Government Board, asking to be informed by the Sanitary Authority whether they were fully satisfied as to the condition of the district committed to their charge, and especially in regard to the character of the water supply, the sufficiency and suitability of hospital accommodation for the isolation and treatment of cholera cases, the condition of the sewerage and drainage, the absence of nuisances, and the cleanliness of the dwellings occupied by the poorer classes, which duty demanded their earnest and sustained attention.

Messrs Martin, Dublin, forwarded in reply to the Board's request, plans and estimates for cholera hospitals to accommodate 6, 12, and 24 patients at prices varying from £69 12s to £200.

It was decided to take no action for the present on the subject.

Mr P Carmody, R O, was appointed to take the annual stock in the house at a remuneration of £7.

THE LATE MRS QUINLIVAN.

Mr D Corry proposed the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—"That we, the members of the Ennis Board of Guardians have learned with regret of the death of Mrs Quinlivan, wife of an esteemed member of this Board, Mr Michael Quinlivan, and desire to convey our expression of our sincere sympathy with him in his deep affliction."

The Board adjourned.

A SINGULAR CASE.

Remarkable evidence was given at an inquest held at Cork street Hospital, Dublin, yesterday regarding the death of a woman named Keogh, who kept a dairy in Cliffe street. It appeared that, claiming ownership of a cow in the possession of a relative at Rathfarnham, she went there at midnight, and, with a hammer, broke open a gate and got out the cow, but, while endeavouring to secure the animal, she was attacked and frightfully injured about the head with an iron bar, as she asserted, by her relative, a woman named Kelly. The medical evidence, however, showed that the immediate cause of the death of the dairywoman was a gangrenous disease of the arm, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

RAILWAY FATALITY NEAR TRALEE.

A shocking and fatal accident occurred on the Tralee and Dingle Railway last evening to an old man of the menial class named Timothy Griffin. He was walking along the public road near Derrymore, at a place where the rails are

Richardson, ex-Mayor of Bolton.

Professor Jowell is weaker to-day.

FOREIGN.

Amsterdam, Thursday.

The *Handelsblad* learns that the police have ascertained that De Jong and Mrs Justt spent the night of the June 15th at an Hotel at Scherpenzeel. They left the following day.

Mon., Thursday.

The miners on strike in this district show a further decrease to-day.

Charleroi, Thursday.

Several collieries in this district are idle, but it is expected the dispute will be of short duration. The situation in the Lieze district shows an improvement to-day.

Innsbruck, Thursday.

The Emperor Francis Joseph arrived this morning.

A *Times* Cape Town telegram says the Chief Wittebooi on the 24th, destroyed twenty-four German wagons, seized four hundred oxen, and killed twenty natives near Swakey.

DEATH OF MR DUBRUCQ.

The death is announced of Antoine Jean Batiste Dubrucq, known till within a recent period as the most brilliant and artistic oboist of his time. M Dubrucq was born at Brussels in 1840, and when a mere lad gained the highest honours in the power of the Conservatoire to bestow on its wind instrument pupils. While there he also studied harmony and counterpoint under M Agniesz, who many years later as a baritone vocalist with the Italianised name of Signor Agnesi, who won great reputation in operas and concerts, both here and abroad. Leaving Brussels when young M Dubrucq became principal oboe at the Opera Comique, Paris. Coming to England on the outbreak of the Franco-German, he soon made his mark at Covent Garden and Drury Lane and at the principal concerts. Eventually Sir Charles Hallé carried him off from London as principal oboist at his concerts; so that for the last few years London has seen little of him. M Dubrucq has died at Hastings at the age of fifty-three, in the presence of Mr W Grist, the librettist of many cantatas and operas, and M Dubrucq's oldest English friend, whose daughter was married to M Dubrucq's eldest son but a few weeks ago.

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION.

AN EXCITED MEETING.

A very noisy and protracted meeting of the Irish National Federation was held yesterday at the offices in Rutland square. Mr T M Healy, M P, made a long statement as regards the Paris Funds, in which he contradicted statements made by Mr W O'Brien in his speech at Cork on Tuesday. There was a scene of considerable excitement when Mr Condon, M P, accused Mr Healy of having threatened to wreck the Irish party if a certain resolution was not carried with reference to the *Freeman's Journal*. Mr Healy stigmatised this as an infamous falsehood, and the rest of the meeting was characterised by a series of disorderly scenes.

A CHICAGO LUNATIC SHOOTS SEVERAL PERSONS.

Chicago, Wednesday.

At noon to-day a lunatic made his way up to the gallery of the Board of Trade building and thence fired six shots from a revolver at a crowd of brokers in the wheat pit below. Mr A M Sennet, president of an insurance company, was wounded so seriously that his injuries are expected to prove fatal. Another man on the floor was also hurt, and a woman on the gallery was