

especially between the southern portions of both countries. The distance from the Irish harbour to that on the Welsh coast is nine miles shorter than that from Kingstown to Holyhead, and the railway journey from Fishguard to London takes six hours, which can be reduced to five hours. The new route when put in proper working order will be the most direct between the South of Ireland and the South of England. All that is necessary to make it complete would be to unite Waterford with Wexford either by a direct line or *via* New Ross. The run from Cork to Wexford would require that Youghal and Dungarvan should also be connected more closely than at present. Now that the rapid transmission of the American mails is a matter of vital consequence, the new cross-Channel route will come into prominence, and it is not outside the bounds of possibility that the Rosslare and Fishguard line may assert its pretensions. At present the connexion between the Wexford port and Queenstown may be practically said to exclude it from consideration. With little difficulty Cork and Rosslare could be placed in direct and speedy railway communication by the construction of a couple of bridges. When we remember how a Scotch line bridged both the Forth and Tay to shorten the journey connecting the East of Scotland with the South, and with England, it is not impossible that the very small undertaking opened last Saturday may afford food for thought to the managers of the Southern Irish lines of railway. Lines direct from Kilkenny, Limerick, Killarney, and from Cork *via* Mallow, converge at Waterford, and there stop. To connect the latter with Rosslare *via* Wexford, not thirty miles distant, in a straight line, is an enterprise which one day is sure to be completed, and then attention will be directed to the facilities thus afforded for direct communication with London and the South of Ireland by a sea passage shorter than that between Kingstown and Holyhead.

It must have often struck the most superficial observer that very many of our most prominent statesmen are at the same time almost as distinguished in some other department that each has made a secondary study during his very busy life. Mr Gladstone is recognised as one of the first classical scholars of the present day, and is equally at home in expounding Homer or defending the Pentateuch. His great rival, Disraeli, had the pen of a ready writer, and his brilliant fictions were as striking as his statesmanship. Another Prime Minister left behind him a scholarly translation of Homer, whilst statesmen of rank lower than that of Prime Minister are of the first eminence in many departments of literature and sciences. Lord Rosebery seeks distinction in another direction, but Lord Salisbury maintains the best traditions of scholarship as connected with statesmanship. It is not generally known that the late Prime Minister is one

Sheahan was brought before Mr J B Irwin, R M, at the instance of Constable Riordan, with having, at the Butter Market yesterday morning, used intimidatory language towards a Mrs Sheehy. It appears that Mrs Sheehy had bought two lumps of butter from a Mrs. Valentine, whose husband has recently taken possession of a farm from which a man named O'Grady had been evicted for non-payment of rent. The defendant, it is alleged, came up and abused Mr Sheehy for having purchased the boycotted butter, and warned him not to buy it. A number of women gathered around him and demonstrated after their own fashion, and the constable thought it advisable to place the defendant under arrest. Having heard the case, Mr Irwin decided to bind the woman to keep the peace.

DEATH OF MR G C BUNTON.

We regret to observe the announcement of the death of Mr G C Bunton, which occurred suddenly in Galway on Tuesday. Mr Bunton occupied the position of agent in that town to the firm of Messrs Arthur Guinness and Company, and his relations with the people of that place were of the most friendly character, his genial and straightforward manner evoking the esteem and respect of all with whom he came in contact. His health for some time had been delicate, and shortly after entering his office on Tuesday he was seized with a fit, and expired immediately. The deceased was a member of a very old and respected Limerick family, many representatives of which are in Limerick, and by whom, and the general public, the intelligence of the death of this estimable gentleman will be received with the deepest regret.

DEATH OF MR W REALE.

The death is announced, at his residence near New Pallas yesterday morning, of Mr Wm Reale, a famous athlete in his day. In a memorable championship at Limerick some years since Reale defeated Mitchell, of Emly, in putting the 28lb weight. He held the world's record for the 42lb, and won the championship of Ireland three times at Limerick. Reale, who was only in his thirty-third year, was in failing health for some time past, and his early demise is regretted by a wide circle of friends all over the country.

LIMERICK PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of Committee of this Society was held on Tuesday, 7th inst, Very Rev the Dean of Limerick Chairman.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The subject of employment for two of the boys on List of the Society was considered, and further information requested from the superintending clergymen.

The Secretary reported receipt of £80, bequest of late Rev Canon Weldon.

The Quarterly Location Returns were brought before Committee, and also Special Reports relative to two locations.

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CASTLECONNELL SPA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

Sir—In your issue of August the 4th, I saw that at a meeting of the Sanitary Board the engineer, Mr O'Malley, brought before the Board the state of the sewage round the Spa, also Sir Charles Cameron's report and analysis of the water, which he regards as not fit for use. Something should be done at once, as many large poor families reside close by. Mr O'Malley said the cost would be about £4 10s. Mr Vandeleur, the agent, lately had Spa House done up—seats have been erected and walks put in order. The Spa was much frequented in former years, and by a small outlay confidence in its healing waters may be restored. Your inserting my letter will much oblige—Yours faithfully,

WM GOUCH GUBBINS,

Stradhally Cottage, Castleconnell.

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by A Shaw, Esq, Limerick. A watch were won by Mr D G Huggins, D I. Kettle was won by Mr M McNamara bridge. A £1 note was won by Castleconnell. A handsome plush pl which was presented by Messrs Carr Limerick, was won by Mr Foley, La art rug was won by Mrs Shaw, Limer piece of Indian embroidery by Mi Ennis. The concerts, at which the assisted, were a great success, and ad to the days enjoyment—Mrs G (Tagert, Miss A Pilkington, Miss White, Rev J J Nesbitt, and Captain. The piano for the occasion was kin Mrs Kerin, the wife of the propri Aberdeen Arms Hotel. The promc Bazaar have every reason to feel sa the success which has crowned their e

COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS

The usual weekly Petty Sessions to-day before Mr J B Irwin, R M (and Mr Wm F O'Grady. Some cases of the guardians of the Limerick U adjourned for the attendance of the solicitor, who was unable to be present woman named Bridget Grimes had a ing woman named Coffey summoned f pass of a donkey belonging to the lat lands. The complainant proved t but on being asked by the court delivered up the animal to the plainant, or drew her attention while trespassing, she replied not, but she complained to the defend several times. Mr Irwin pointed o law required that the animal should b the grounds on which it was found passing, or that the defendant shoul the animal while the trespass was mitted. The complainant stated that stantly on her land, and she was grea by it. Mr Irwin said as the law h complied with the case should be Complainant—I am a widow with a v family, and the ass is giving me a gr of trouble. Mr Irwin—Widows w with the law the same as other p must dismiss the case. Complainant she was very badly treated, and th have satisfaction by giving the "pounding" the next time she fou passing.

CITY POLICE COURT.

Mr J B Irwin, R M, attended a Police Court, yesterday.

Sergeant Sherwood charged two John Sheehy and James Fitzgerald Vagrancy Act, with sleeping out in a Tuesday night. They were reman City Petty Sessions.

Mr Irwin, R M, again attended at court this morning.

Night Watchman John Dee char named Michael Neilan with being this morning.

The watchman stated that he fo soner lying asleep in George street at this morning; on searching him he 17s, besides a watch and chain, in hi

Defendant stated that he had ju from America, and not feeling w journey he took some drink.

Mr Irwin remarked that defenda fortunate in being found by the wat thought that he (defendant) was u obligation to the watchman, whose very praiseworthy. He was fined 5s

MAIL SERVICE IN COUNTY

In the House of Commons on Tues

Mr W Redmond asked the Postma whether arrangements had yet bee the new mail car service between A Tulla, County Clare.

Mr A Morley—The question of such a service is being considered, a the hon member know my decision