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THE dispute in the shipping trade has now come to a very awkward pass, owing to the action of the Belfast engineers. At the Glasgow conference, presided over by Lord James, the employers offered to the Belfast engineers an advance of one shilling to take effect on the 3rd of February, and to the Clyde men they repeated their original offer, an immediate advance of a farthing an hour to all earning less than seven pence an hour, and also an additional farthing all round on the 3rd of February. This left the employers some time to finish off contracts at low rates. The offers, as is known, were rejected both by the Clyde and the Belfast men. Last week negotiations were again opened at Carlisle, and the employers yielded some points to gain a settlement. They agreed to waive any interval, and then confer the Glasgow concessions at once, on the men resuming work, the new rates to be binding for six months, that is till the 12th of June. The Belfast demand, as was stated at the previous conference, was an immediate demand of a shilling with a second shilling in April. The terms of the Carlisle conference were placed by ballot before the men of the districts involved. The terms now were to the Clyde men an immediate advance of a halfpenny an hour to all men earning less than 7d per hour, and of a farthing an hour to all paid at or above that rate. To Belfast an immediate advance of one shilling per week all round. Both terms were to hold good for 6 months, and any intended change was to be notified one month in advance. The ballot was taken last Saturday in Glasgow, Greenock, and Belfast, the conditions not being disclosed until the various meetings were assembled. The ballot papers were simply marked "For employers' offer," and "Against employers' offer." When the ballot was over it appeared that in Glasgow the employers' offer was carried by a vote of 1,297 to 430. In Greenock the numbers were—For acceptance, 132, and 35 against. At the two Scotch centres it will be seen that the majority in favour of a settlement on the proposed terms was very large. In Belfast, however, things took a tolerably different turn. Amongst the engineers there were only 127 for acceptance, while there were 578 against, and amongst the brass founders the numbers were 20 for and 66 against. The resolution was then adopted—"That we confirm the decision of our last aggregate meeting, and offer to return to work for an immediate advance of 1s. and a further 1s on the 1st of April." When the result of the voting was declared in Belfast, the public could not restrain their expressions of surprise and regret. For more than three months the struggle had being going on, and all the trades dependent upon engineers were paralysed, and public subscriptions had been invited. Yet they are the men who are for perpetuating this paralysis of industry by refusing to yield a step. The offer which has been made by the employees of the Lagan and the Clyde is a joint one, and they are compelled to act together, and the Clyde men cannot be allowed to go to work because the Belfast men insist on their demand, which they alone are determined on maintaining. Thus the decision of the Clyde men is overruled by Belfast. There are over five thousand men idle who might be at work to-day if the vote in Belfast on Saturday had not been what it was. The attitude of the Belfast engineers is opposed to their own leaders and to the Amalgamated Society of which they are members. It is expected that the men's executive in London will put pressure on Belfast to accept the terms of the Carlisle arrangements, and if they still continue stubborn there may be a stoppage of all strike pay. On the total poll there is a majority of 1,995 for a settlement, and 533 against it; the latter in Belfast alone. Lord James has not yet given up his efforts towards effecting a compromise, and it is thought that with a promise of a second shilling in June the dispute will be brought to an end.

A DISCUSSION took place at the Corporation yesterday with reference to a proposal to carry out an extensive system of block paving in the City. Having regard to the expense of such work it would not be possible to pave more than a few of the principal streets. Even so much would be a blessing, and it would be highly appreciated by the citizens, who, owing to the continuous rains of weeks back, have had to wade through mud ankle deep, to put it at the mildest possible limit. Mr James Gaffney declared yesterday that "the streets of Limerick are a disgrace," and few will be found to disagree with him. Not alone is it the opinion of the citizens but of strangers, who simply smile in ridicule at the condition of even the principal streets, which resemble a slough more than anything else. And yet for this disgraceful state of things the ratepayers are taxed to the extent of £3,000 a year for what is facetiously described in official form as "cleansing." There can be no doubt that if block-paving were introduced the interest on the loan would be less than the cost of the miserable system of scavaging to which we are now subjected, and we can only hope that the Corporation will take up the matter once and for all, and make arrangements to carry out the work immediately. A commencement should be made with George street which might be asphalted or block-paved, and this would undoubtedly be a decided improvement to our principal thoroughfare. No more important or meritorious work could engage the attention of the Council, nor is there one on which, as Mr Gaffney observed, such unanimity prevails amongst the ratepayers. We must keep pace with other cities, and, in the next place, it is high time, so far as street cleansing is concerned, that the Corporation should give the public better value for their money.

THE Dean of the Chapel Royal has published a pamphlet entitled, "The Present Crisis," considered in connection with the New Rules proposed by the Commissioners of National Education. A considerable difference of opinion amongst Protestants is to be found on this subject. We have seen lately that the Archbishop of Dublin and the Bishop of Killaloe have supported the proposed alteration, whilst there is a solid body of opinion opposed to any change. The Dean argues the case from the latter point of view, and does so with clearness and ability. It is difficult to resist the force of his arguments at times, but we know there is another side as well as that presented in the pamphlet, and also circumstances have arisen in the educational position which cannot be ignored. It ought not to be impossible to devise a system of rules which would both satisfy reasonable claims, and at the same time afford the most complete protection to minorities.

The Bishop of Limerick has left the Palace, Henry Street, for Dublin. He expects to return on Saturday, 25th inst.

Acting-Sergeants Brennan, Mary street; Carrick, William street, and Quin, Adare, have been promoted to the rank and pay of sergeant.

Mr Buckley was honoured by a sitting from Mrs F. R. Benson at his Studio, 117 George-street, and did some very successful pictures as "Lady Macbeth" and "Juliet."

At the Ballyneety Presentment Sessions, a presentment was passed for the purpose of having the foot-path from the end of the borough bounds up to the New Cemetery flagged. The work is a very necessary one, and will prove a great public benefit and convenience.

The nomination of candidates for the representation of the Castle and Custom House Wards will take place on the 22nd inst, and the election on the 31st. The vacancies are caused by the disqualification of Messrs. Hartigan and McMahon, by the decision of the Queen's Bench in the case brought at the suit of Alderman Hall.

Sir William Butler, who is to take the command of the South-Eastern District at Dover next month, was born in Tipperary 58 years ago, and has seen service in Canada, Ashanti, and Zululand. In addition to being a distinguished and experienced officer, Sir William is the author of "The Great Lone Land," and the husband of Miss Elizabeth Thompson, the artist.

BITTEN BY A CAT.—The woman Bridget Kenny, of Mary street, who was bitten by a cat last Friday night, is progressing favourably at her residence. Her wounds were cauterized, and it was not considered necessary to detain her in hospital.

ACCIDENT.—A woman named Anne Royce has been admitted to Barrington's Hospital, suffering from a broken bone at the ankle. The poor woman being practically blind, lost her footing, and fell down a flight of stairs. Her injuries are not regarded as serious.

PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY.—The number of visitors to the Free Library, Lower Glentworth street, for the week ended Saturday, January 18th, was as follows:—Sunday, 46; Monday, 329; Tuesday, 339; Wednesday, 347; Thursday, 338; Friday, 302; Saturday, 316. Total, 2,017.

LITERARY CLASS, P Y M A.—The opening meeting of the class for the second session will be held on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock, when the Rev T F Abbott, B A, will read a paper entitled "Burrowing Animals." As the Committee have prepared an interesting programme for the session, they trust that members will do all in their power to make the class a success.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—The Rev George H Ross-Lewin, M A, of Ross Hill, Co Clare, Vicar of Benfieldside, and Rural Dean in the Diocese of Durham, has been appointed Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral, by the Bishop of Durham, in the room of the late Canon Whitley, D D, who had held that stall in the Cathedral of "Christ and Blessed Mary the Virgin" since 1849.

TWO SUCCESSES FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE ACADEMY.—At the recent examination held at the General Post Office, Miss Katie Gleeson passed a creditable examination, and was called to fill the appointment on Tuesday. Miss Ryan, National School, Monard, County Limerick, took her "first of firsts" diploma at the last examination held for teachers. The above-mentioned successes reflect great on the Principal and staff of the Civil Service Academy, where the candidates were prepared.

CASTLECONNELL PETTY SESSIONS.—These sessions were held yesterday, the magistrates present being—Mr R J Gabbett, presiding, Mr Wm Gough Gubbins, and Mr E F Hickson, R M. A case of assault preferred by Robert Storey against a man named Denis Frawley was adjourned for the attendance of witnesses. A man named James Sheahan was charged with the larceny of a cart wheel, but the case was dismissed there being no evidence of intention to steal. There were no other cases for hearing, and the court adjourned.

POSTPONEMENT OF PARTY AT ADARE MANOR.

The party arranged to take place at Adare Manor this week is put off owing to the death of Lord Frederick Kerr.

DR. O'DWYER AND MODEL SCHOOLS.

In the Roman Catholic Churches of the city on Sunday last an order by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer was announced by the officiating clergy, prohibiting Roman Catholic parents from sending their children to the Model School to be educated. It was added that the order would be enforced from next Sunday, the 26th instant, and parents who ignored it would be guilty of a reserved sin, for which they should visit the Bishop. The principal teachers of the Model School in Limerick are Roman Catholics.

The *Independent* has the following note:—His Lordship the Bishop of Limerick has announced that all Catholic parents who send their children to the local Model School after Sunday next will be guilty of a reserved sin, for which they will have to visit himself. In connection with the prohibition it is not a little interesting to note that the Commissioners of National Education, of whom his Grace Archbishop Walsh is an influential member, are the managers of all the Irish Model Schools.

THE JAMESON EXPEDITION.—DEATH OF A LIMERICK GENTLEMAN.

We regret to observe in our obituary columns the announcement of the death of Mr David MacDowall Fraser, youngest son of General the Hon Sir David Fraser, K C B, The Grange, Castleconnell. The deceased gentleman sustained serious wounds while on duty with Dr Jameson's forces, and death took place at Krugersdorp on the 11th instant. We deeply sympathise with General Fraser in his great bereavement.

THE FREE LIBRARY.

The Town Clerk has received notification that the Public Record Office in London has forwarded four boxes containing 214 ancient rolls and publications for presentation to the Free Library. They are very valuable and interesting documents, and the favour bestowed on the Library is one which the public will fully appreciate.

COUNTY LIMERICK LANDLORDS' CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the County Limerick Landlords' Convention was held on Saturday, at 76 George Street, to elect a committee for the current year and transact other business. Mr Edward Wm O'Brien, D L, occupied the chair, and there was a large and influential attendance. Mr E H Poe Hosford, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous general meeting, and those of the committees during the past year. Lord Massy, General Lloyd, and Mr J O'G Delmege, were appointed delegates to represent the branch at the coming conference in Dublin, and Messrs J B Barrington, J P, and Wm J White, were chosen supplemental delegates. A general committee of 43 members was appointed, with Mr Hosford as Secretary. Instructions were given for the forwarding to Dublin of a cheque for the amount of the assessment on the branch. Some other business having been disposed of, the meeting adjourned.

IRISH INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION—CARVING CLASS.

Mr Burns, the well known professional, is to visit Limerick from 27th inst to 1st February, for the purpose of giving instructions to members of the above class. A few private classes are being formed for the morning and afternoon of above dates. Any ladies or gentlemen wishing to join these classes, will please make application to Miss Graves, The Palace, Limerick, on or before Thursday next, 23rd inst. The payment for each class of two hours' duration will be 1s.

DEATH OF MR. T. E. O'BRIEN, L. & C. R.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr Thomas Enraght O'Brien, Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* of the County and City of Limerick, who passed away at his residence South Hill, on Saturday night, in the 69th year of his age. The sad intelligence came as a painful surprise on the citizens, who although knowing that Mr O'Brien had been in delicate health for a considerable time past, were not prepared for the sad event, which was published in the newspapers yesterday morning. Indeed it was only a few days previous that Mr O'Brien's illness assumed anything like a serious turn. He was under the skilful care of Dr T Gelston, and appeared to be going on favourably until Saturday evening, when his condition rather unexpectedly assumed a very grave turn, and some time about half-past eight o'clock Mr O'Brien breathed his last. The deceased gentleman, who was born on the 4th May, 1827, in Shanagolden, was connected by birth and marriage with some of the oldest branches of the O'Briens of Dubble Brien, Kenry, and Carrigogunnell. He came to Limerick at an early age, and attached himself to mercantile pursuits. His industry, integrity, and aptitude in business matters, rapidly brought him to the front, and in time he became a partner in the old-established firm of John Quin & Co. He amassed a large fortune, and some years ago retired from business altogether, and resided a good deal at his pretty residence at South Hill. Mr O'Brien was a gentleman of the kindliest and most unobtrusive disposition, charitable in the widest sense of the word, and one who was never appealed to in vain wherever assistance to a good work was needed. To the charitable institutions of the city he was a most liberal supporter, and in that unostentatious manner which characterised all his dealings through life. He was a Liberal in politics, and a generous contributor to the funds of the National party, but he was not what could be called a prominent politician, but on the contrary frequently declined honours sought to be conferred on him. The same may be said of him in civic life, in which he took a limited part. It is interesting to note that on the Municipal Privileges Act, which empowered Corporations to nominate three gentlemen for the office of High Sheriff, becoming law in 1876, through the instrumentality of Messrs Butt and O'Shaughnessy, members of Parliament for the city, Mr O'Brien was placed first on the list sent up by the Corporation and was the first Sheriff to assume office under the new Act. He was an old governor of the Lunatic Asylum Board. For very many years he has been a magistrate for the city and county, and on the death of Alderman Quin was appointed to succeed him as a Deputy Lieutenant for the city. The death of Lord Emly in April, 1894 left vacant the Lieutenancy for the city and county which he had held since 1871 in succession to the late Earl of Dunraven. The late Liberal Government conferred a few months later this distinguished honor on Mr T E O'Brien, and it will be admitted that during his short tenure of office he has been very exact in weighing the claims of those desirous of holding commissions of the peace, and while of course this favour was conferred on several Nationist gentlemen, it must be said also that when a Deputy Lieutenancy or office of Justice of the Peace became vacant he displayed fairness and consideration to those opposed to him in politics. In private life Mr O'Brien made for himself hosts of friends who deplore his death and deeply sympathise with Mrs O'Brien, a generous and philanthropic lady, in the irreparable loss she has sustained. Funeral will leave South Hill on to-morrow (Wednesday) at twelve o'clock for Mount St Laurence Cemetery.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

POLICE COURT.

Yesterday at the Police Court the Mayor and Mr S B Quin attended. The Mayor referred to the death of Mr O'Brien, and said he was sure he expressed the sentiments of the whole Bench of magistrates in the city in giving expression to the regret which he experienced at the announcement of the demise of the Lord Lieutenant of the County and City. The late Mr O'Brien was a magistrate for the city, and frequently attended in that Court, and presided at the deliberations of the magistrates. An impartial administrator of justice, he won the highest esteem in connection with that Court, and it was due to his memory that he (the Mayor) should avail himself of that occasion on behalf of himself and the other city magistrates to express their regret at Mr O'Brien's death.

THE CORPORATION.

At the Corporation yesterday, the Mayor presiding,

Alderman Hall said he regretted to have to call the attention of the Council to a matter of which they were all aware, the death of the Lord Lieutenant of the county and city. He was quite certain that he spoke the feelings of every man in the Council Chamber and outside of it when he said that they regretted exceedingly the necessity of doing what he would ask them to do, and that was after they had considered the notice of motion of Councillor Bourke to adjourn the meeting out of respect to the memory of Mr O'Brien. He need not say to all these members he saw about him, and who knew Mr O'Brien so well, that the charities of Limerick benefitted by his open-handedness. They would all agree that a kinder or more generous-hearted man, in every sense of the word, never existed. In regard to the position which Mr O'Brien occupied, he thought that Mr O'Brien conferred dignity on the office as much as the office added dignity to him. He did not like to refer to any matter that may cause discussion in any way. He did not think fault could be found with any of his appointments since he became lieutenant of the county. He begged to propose—"That after the disposal of Town Councillor's Bourke's notice of motion, we adjourn all other business on the agenda paper until next Monday, as a mark of respect to the memory of the lieutenant of the county and city of Limerick, and that we hereby pass a vote of condolence with his widow, and direct the Town Clerk to convey to Mrs O'Brien our sincere sympathy with her in her deep affliction."

Mr James O'Mara said it was with the deepest regret that he endorsed everything that Ald Hall had said. He knew Mr O'Brien for many years, and there was one thing certain, that both himself and Mrs O'Brien were most charitable, and there was not an institution in the city to which they did not subscribe (hear, hear).

The Mayor said they had heard the proposition made by Alderman Hall, and seconded by Mr O'Mara, and he was sure it would meet with the approval of every member of the Council. The regret that was felt over the sad death of Mr O'Brien was shared in by every one of them and by every citizen of Limerick (hear, hear.) He had a special and particular claim upon their remembrance, because Mr O'Brien, when the Municipal Privileges' Act became law, and when the Corporation had power to nominate its own Sheriffs, was the first citizen chosen to occupy that high office, which he filled worthily and with dignity and credit to himself (hear, hear). When he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of the county, the Council also took occasion to express its satisfaction and congratulations at that event. He fully coincided with the remarks of his friends, Alderman Hall and Mr O'Mara. They had referred to some matters which he would have taken occasion to mention if they had not preceded him. The names of Mrs and Mr O'Brien are household words amongst the citizens of Limerick, especially amongst the poor. Their generosity was proverbial, and there was no charitable institution to which they did not subscribe. He would declare the hearty vote of sympathy and condolence with the lady whom Mr O'Brien leaves behind him, and he supposed they would attend in state at the funeral obsequies, which would take place on Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

HARBOUR BOARD.

At the Harbour Board yesterday, Mr T H Cleeve, J P, in the chair,

Mr Spillane said as the financial business of the Board was over he would ask the Commissioners to adjourn any further business to-day in compliment to the memory of a citizen who died on Saturday evening, and who for many years of his life was one of the leading supporters of the most respectable firms in Limerick. He alluded to Mr Thomas Enright O'Brien, Lieutenant of the County. There was scarcely a Commissioner there who did not know him well, and it was no discredit to other large merchants in Limerick to say that while he was in commerce he had no superior, and that in all his relations he was an amiable and an estimable fellow-citizen (hear, hear). They were all aware for many years past, Mr O'Brien had taken no active part in business, but, at the same time, he felt a deep interest in the city of his adoption, and where for so many years he carried on an important branch of trade. Personally he (Mr Spillane) spoke of him with extreme difficulty, for outside the immediate members of his family, no man lived for whom he (Mr Spillane) entertained a more profound respect and he felt that this feeling was reciprocated in the fullest extent (hear, hear). He proposed—"That the Harbour Commissioners tender to Mrs O'Brien their very sincere sympathy in her sad bereavement, and they desire to place on record the loss the city has sustained in the death of Mr O'Brien, H.M.L, who for so many years occupied a leading place in the commerce of the city, and that as a mark of respect to his memory the Board adjourns."

The High Sheriff, in seconding the proposition, said the words of Mr Spillane would find a hearty re-echo amongst his fellow-citizens, amongst whom for many years the late Mr O'Brien had spent his time honourably and with all regard to the interest of the city. The citizens generally would mourn the loss of a gentleman of his distinction, who was essentially charitable and essentially good to all his fellow men of every creed and class (hear, hear).

The Chairman said he was sure they all sympathised with Mrs O'Brien, who was herself unceasing in doing good in the city, and whose interest in charitable institutions was so well known (hear, hear). He quite endorsed all that Mr Spillane and the High Sheriff had said, and he was sure they would pass the resolution unanimously.

The Board then adjourned.

CORPORATION COMMITTEES.

At the meeting of the Water Committee of the Corporation to-day the members present were—Mr Michael Cusack, presiding; the Mayor, the High Sheriff, Mr P E Bourke, Mr James O'Mara, Alderman Ryan, Alderman Hall, and Alderman Clery.

The Chairman alluded in sympathetic words to the death of Mr T E O'Brien, Her Majesty's Lieutenant of the County, and said he was sure it was the feeling of every member present to pay any tribute of respect they could to his memory. He would, therefore, propose that the business of the committee be adjourned as a token of regret at the death of Mr O'Brien, and as a mark of respect to his memory, which indeed deserved to be revered by the people of the county and city.

The Mayor expressed concurrence with the Chairman's observations, and said he would take upon himself to adjourn all the committee meetings summoned for to-day.

The meeting then adjourned.

WEDDING AT MILTOWN MALBAY.

The marriage of Mr Thomas Francis Gould Moroney, second son of the late Captain K B Moroney, with Miss Anna Burdett, second daughter of Mr H B White, of Tivoli and Bank House, took place at Miltown Malbay Church on Saturday. The bridegroom, with his best man (Mr Herbert J White, Limerick), waited for the bride, who arrived punctually at ten o'clock, leaning on her father's arm. The bride wore her travelling dress of green cloth, trimmed with pale green and white chene silk, a fichu of chiffon, fastened with white flowers, large white hat trimmed with white ostrich feathers and chiffon. She carried a large bouquet and wore a gold curb bangle, the gifts of the bridegroom. She also wore a handsome gold and pearl bangle, the gift of Capt, Mrs and Miss Ellis, Seaview. Her two sisters acted as bridesmaids, they wore blue cloth dresses, white silk vests and large white hats, and wore gold bangles, the gift of the bridegroom. The church was beautifully decorated with moss, ferns, and white flowers, and a pretty arch of evergreens was erected across the aisle. The Rev A Bonynge, D D, was the officiating clergyman, and the bride was given away by her father. The church was crowded with the inhabitants of Miltown and residents of Spanish Point, and when the bride and bridegroom drove from the church to Bank House hearty cheers were rung for them. Head Constable Ahern and his men assembled and saluted them as they passed the barracks. Mrs White held a reception in the afternoon, which was attended by all the friends and relations of the family. On the arrival of the bride and bridegroom from the church a deputation representing the residents of the town and R I C were received at Bank House, where Mr John O'Donnell and Sergeant Allingham, R I C, and Mr P Coffey, presented Mrs J F G Morony with a handsome silver. The bride desired the deputation to return her cordial thanks to all who subscribed for so handsome a *souvenir*. Mrs Morony was also presented with a handsome musical clock by Mr Anderson, a large Shetland wool wrap by Mrs Michael Flynn, and gloves and silk handkerchiefs by Mrs Hurley. The happy pair left for London in the afternoon.

The presents included the following:—Bridegroom to bride, watch and chain, gold curb bangle, inlaid tea tray, etc, etc; father and mother of the bride, silver afternoon tea service, case of silver fruit spoons, fruit dish, house linen; Miss E and Miss C White (sisters of the bride), silver soup ladle, breakfast knives; Mrs R B Morony, cheque; Capt Burdett Morony, Royal Engineers, Singers' sewing machine, carriage clock, in leather case; Mr E F Morony, 4 silver muffineers; Miss Morony, tea cosey and cloth; Miss Ethel Morony, worked table centre; Miss Hilda Morony, a carved wood tray; Rev Arthur and Mrs Bonynge, a silver butter dish and knife; Mrs Fraser, Alps, silver mounted cut glass scent bottle; Mrs and Miss Barclay, silver toast rack; Mrs T W Browning, case of fish knives and forks; Mrs E Bradburne, box of cambric handkerchiefs; Miss Crawford, set of ebony and silver brushes and mirror; the Misses Stoney, and Masters Crawford, silver crumb scoop; Mrs Fred Cullinan, brooch; Miss Costello, photo frame; Lieut Crawford, Royal Navy, 4 fans; Miss Dartnell (Switzerland), case of dessert knives and forks; Miss L Dartnell, handkerchief; Captain R W Ellis, Mrs Ellis, and Miss Ellis, gold pearl and diamond bangle; Miss Ellis (Wellington), silver toast rack; Mr C R Ellis, silver nut crackers; Mr Ferrier, crystal and gilt drawingroom clock; Miss Ferrier, case of four silver salt cellars and spoons; Mr and Mrs Lewis Griffiths, case of carvers, buck horn and silver-mounted; Miss Harris, Egyptian silver crumb tray and brush, and silver button hook; Commander W G Henriques and Mrs Henriques, silver mounted leather card case; Mrs Stopford Halpin, silver jam spoon and butter knife; Mr and Mrs M Kelly, silver mounted cream and sugar stand; Mrs and the Misses Kenny, case of two silver salt cellars and spoons; Mr R Hallinan, case of carvers, buck horn, and silver mounted; Mrs Hallinan, butter dish; Miss Morony (Westpark) leather blotter; Mr Henry Morony, fan; Mr Ralph Morony, case of silver jam spoons; Mrs MacDougall, silver tea spoons; Mr and the Misses MacNamara, case of 12 afternoon tea spoons, sugar tongs, sifter, butter knife and jam spoons; Miss Moore, Maltese lace handkerchief; Mrs Purcell, toast rack; Mrs J Russell, silver card case; Miss Russell, leather photo album; Miss Sarratt, folding photo frame; Mr R Stoney, silver butter knives; Mr A N Sharpe, silver flower vases; Mr B W White (late Royal Navy), cheque; Miss White, fish carvers; Miss B White, gloves; Mr and Mrs J C White and the Misses White, a case of fish knives and forks; Rev J and Mrs White, silver egg boiler; Surgeon W White (India), silver bowl and stand; Mr Herbert White, silver mounted bread board, knife and fork; Mr and Mrs G de Laval Willis, case of silver fruit spoons; Mr H de L Willis, cheque; Mr H B Wallnutt, gold sleeve links; Lieutenant and Mrs Williamson (India), gold embroidered mantel border; Mr Parker Whittle, worked tea cloth; Mrs Wolseley, silver cruet stand with cut glass bottles; Mr Goold Ellis, silver mounted walking stick, &c, &c.

POLICE COURT.

Mr E F Hickson, R M, presided at the Police Court this morning.

Bridget Quin, of Hunt's lane, was charged by Nightwatchman Myles, with drunkenness and disorderly conduct on the streets the preceding night. Being an old offender, she was sent to gaol for a month, in default of paying a fine of 40s and costs.

Constable M'Dermott charged Robert Hanly with drunkenness while in charge of a horse and cart, and a fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed.

A man named Francis Hanrahan, against whom there had been several previous convictions, was prosecuted for a similar offence at the instance of Constable Smith, and he was sent to gaol for a month in default of paying 21s and costs.

Patrick Moloney, was charged by Constable Foy, with drunkenness, and he was dealt with in a like manner.

The same constable also prosecuted a man named Patrick Kenny, for drunkenness, and his case was treated similarly.

A sailor giving his name as Harri Van Teine-Burg, who was charged with drunkenness, was fined 1s and costs.

SALE OF LAND AT OOLA.—On to-morrow Mr Wm B Fitt will dispose of the interest in 18 Irish acres of the lands of Ballylahive, Oola, for Mr Richard O'Brien, and the grazing of 61 acres of the lands of Oola Hills, Oola, will be let for 11 months for Mr James Gubbins. Sales at the Salesrooms, 46, George street, Limerick.

MUNSTER FAIR SALES AT HARTIGAN'S.—Mr Wm B Fitt advertises his usual auctions during our Great Munster Fair to be held next week. Entries for the sale should be made in time.

NEWCASTLE WEST QUARTER SESSIONS.

YESTERDAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

(Before his Honor Mr R Adams, County Court Judge).

In the case of Thomas Madigan against John Moran, an ejectment on title, which was heard on Saturday, his Honor after reviewing the various points raised said he was of opinion the plaintiff should succeed, and he gave a decree for possession with costs.

Denis W Collins v. D Wren.

Mr D Leahy, solicitor, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr A M Sullivan, B L (instructed by Mr C L Curtin), for defendant.

This was an action for £10 value of a colt whose leg was broken, it was alleged, through the treatment it received while on defendant's lands.

From the evidence of young Collins and others it appeared the colt crossed into defendant's lands; that defendant's son tried to drive it over the boundary fence; was cracking a whip and forcing and flogging it to cross the fence, and that while thus acting the colt broke her leg; that defendant afterwards cut a gap in the fence and beat the colt limping on three legs through it on to plaintiff's land where he foined it, and where the police afterwards shot it.

His Honor said if it were true that they flogged the horse with its broken leg they should be prosecuted for cruelty to animals—they should be flogged themselves.

For the defence it was stated the colt crossed the boundary fence, and was careering wildly through the field, and when rushing to get over a gap it fell and broke its leg; the defendant's son did not crack the whip or use it on the colt, he only tried to drive it on to plaintiff's land.

His Honor suggested a settlement of £3 10s to plaintiff, and both sides agreed.

Catherine Curtin v. Mary Cahill.

This was an action for £50 for work and labour done.

Plaintiff examined stated her uncle John died, and the action was against the widow; her uncle died without issue, and the widow was now in possession of the farm; plaintiff did everything for her uncle, washing and making his shirts, getting his dinner and everything except cooking it (laughter); her uncle always promised to leave her the land.

His Honor, addressing Mr Liston, said if he did not prove the contract and work done, the first essentials in this case, he would disappear in a couple of minutes through the roof of the court (laughter).

Daniel Curtin, examined, said he was father of the plaintiff; his daughter used wash and make John Cahill's shirts and other work; he heard him often promise to give her the land.

His Honor said no doubt if Cahill lived he may leave her something, but death stepped in and put an end to the battle, the widow is now in possession and shrovetide is on (laughter). He dismissed the case.

Mr P T Liston appeared for plaintiff, and Mr D Leahy, solicitor, for defendant.

ENNIS QUARTER SESSIONS.

COLLAPSE OF THE CROWN BUSINESS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

The January Sessions for the district of Ennis and Ennistymon were opened at Ennis yesterday at ten o'clock by Mr J H Monahan, Q C, Acting County Court Judge.

At twelve o'clock Mr R Vere O'Brien, Clerk of the Peace, proceeded to call the Grand Jury, when the following answered their names, viz:—John Cullinan, Bushy Park; Jeremiah McCormack, Cappavilla; Martin Daly, Lifford; Patrick Fahy, Boorpark; James Nagle, Elmvale; William Caher, Inchiquin; James L Frost, Meelick; John Gibson, Ballyvoe; Peter Healy, Castlefergus; Thos Kelly, Drumma; Edward Punch, Cratloe; Donat Quinlivan, Clonmoney; and Timothy O'Brien, Ballyvannon.

The names of sixteen other jurors were called, but they failed to answer the summons.

Mr J F Cullinan, S C S, did not think there were enough jurors to go on with the Crown business.

Mr R V O'Brien having called the attention of his Honor to the very few jurors who answered,

His Honor said to call them again upon fines, and addressing Mr Cullinan, as representing the Crown, said they would not get a full jury, but he would be disposed to do anything that Mr Cullinan might suggest would be best in the interests of justice in the cases.

Mr Cullinan—If you don't get a few more your Honor, I would not like to send up a bill to thirteen jurors only.

His Honor asked what was the practice of the court?

Mr Cullinan—They are always sent to the Assizes as the next tribunal, but I would like to have the jurors called again upon fines before doing that.

The panel was thereupon called over once more, but without a further juror turning up.

Fines of £2 each were imposed on those absent.

His Honor—If you on the part of the Crown ask to send them on, I'll do it as a matter of course.

Mr Cullinan—There are two custody cases, which I will ask you to send to the Assizes, and the other case to the next sessions.

J Simpson was sent for trial to the Assizes. He is charged with having obtained a sum of £11 5s on false pretences from Mrs E Lucinda Moroney, under circumstances already reported.

Pat Byrne, charged with embezzlement of money from Mr Hugh Massy Westropp, J.P, and against whom five separate offences were alleged, was also sent to the Assizes.

Michael Dowdall, charged with stealing a cow at Scariff, was sent to the sessions for trial.

It was decided to accept bail in each case.

LICENSING BUSINESS.

The licensing business was then proceeded with. The following magistrates were on the bench—Messrs A Newton Brady, R.M, P J Kelly, R.M, A M Harpur, R.M, W F Crowe, R Hewitt, P O'Brien, Hugh M Westropp, and H B Harris.

Miss Catherine Chumney was granted a transfer of premises in Thomas street, Killaloe.

Mr W H Nolan, solr, Limerick, was for the applicant.

Mr Michael Garry, Jail street, was granted a transfer of the license of the premises held by Mr Patrick Fitzgerald.

Mr F F Cullinan, solr, was for the applicant.

Mr Thomas Lynch, solr, opposed the license on behalf of Mrs Kelly, a former occupant of the premises.

Mr D McGann, Ruan, was granted a transfer of the premises held by his late father.

Mr F G Kerin, solr, was for the applicant.

NEW LICENSES.

Mr John McKeogh was granted a new license for premises in Killaloe.

Mr Nolan, solr, appeared for the applicant.

Mrs Jane F Macnamara applied for a new license for a hotel at Old Ground, in the premises held by the late Dr Hynes.

Mr F G Kerin, solicitor, appeared for the applicant.

Mr Kerin said this was a new application for an hotel to be licensed in the town of Ennis. Mrs Macnamara, he might mention, had already the Clare Hotel, and in the present month she had bought the interest from Mrs Petty of premises known as Old Ground, which were certainly the finest in the town, and were known to most of the local magistrates. There was no objection on the part of the police, and under the circumstances he would ask to have the license granted.

In reply to Mr Kerin, District Inspector Lice said the house was a very good one. Recently some licenses had dropped in inferior houses. He did not oppose the application, because the premises were superior, and an advantage to the town.

The application was unanimously granted.

APPEALS.

Tierney, appellant; Roughan, respondent.

In this case Thomas Tierney appealed against a decision of the magistrates at Crusheen Petty Sessions, imposing a sentence of two months' imprisonment for assault on a man named Patrick Roughan.

Mr Cullinan appeared for the respondent, and Mr E J O'Meehan, solr, for the appellant.

Roughan did not appear when called, and the order of the lower court was reversed.

John Reilly, appellant; the Justices at Sixmile-Bridge Petty Sessions, respondent.

In this case Reilly appealed against a sentence of two months' imprisonment for assault on Wm Hassett, at Sixmile Bridge, on December 28.

Mr Cullinan appeared for the respondent.

Mr Lynch, solicitor, appeared for the appellant.

After hearing evidence, his Honor holding that Hassett had provoked the assault, reversed the order of the lower court, and acquitted Reilly.

The court then adjourned.

BUSINESS OF THE SESSIONS.

The business of the sessions was as follows:—483 entries, 80 defences, 40 ejectments, crown cases, appeals, 2 remitted actions.

SALE OF BALLYLAKE FARM.—We would direct attention to the sale of above-named farm, to be held at the Salesrooms, 46, George street, by Mr Wm B Fitt, on Saturday next, 25th January, particulars of which are set forth in our advertising columns.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

VENEZUELA COMMISSION.

BEHRING SEA.

In the United States Senate yesterday the resolution of the Foreign Relations Committee, on the Monroe doctrine, was brought up with a recommendation that it should be adopted. It affirms that the United States will regard any attempt by any European Power to acquire any new territory on the American Continent, or any island adjacent thereto, or any right of sovereignty or dominion in the same, by force, purchase, cession, colonization, protectorate, pledge, or occupation, or by control of any canal across the American isthmus, as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition towards the United States, which it would be impossible for the States to regard with indifference. The New York *Evening Post* vigorously protests against this resolution as an insult by a weak State, without money, an army, or a navy, towards a great, powerful, and warlike nation, having boundless resources and fully prepared.

The Venezuela Commission at Washington has requested Mr Olney to call on England and Venezuela to furnish evidence of their respective positions in the boundary dispute. Mr Olney stated yesterday that, having acted on this request, he had not yet received an answer.

With reference to the reported telegraphic correspondence between Mr Olney, the United States Secretary, and Lord Salisbury, through Mr Bayard, the American Ambassador, regarding the movements of the British fleet, a denial is issued by the Foreign Office which states that no communication has passed between her Majesty's Government and that of the United States on any naval question.

A telegram from Rio de Janeiro, published at Buenos Ayres, states that the Brazilian Minister for Foreign Affairs is preparing a note demanding the immediate restitution by England to Brazil of the islet of Trinidad, lately occupied by the British authorities, and that failure to comply with the demand will probably be followed by a rupture of diplomatic relations between Brazil and England.

The Canadian Government has received notification of the signing of a treaty between England and the United States for submission to arbitration of claims arising from the seizure of sealers in the Behring Sea. Each Power will appoint one Commissioner, and should these be unable to agree, Switzerland has been asked to furnish an umpire.

King Prempeh, of Ashantee, has peacefully submitted, and is about to be sent, with several of his relatives, to Cape Coast Castle, while Coomassie remains in occupation of the British expeditionary force. A neighbouring black potentate, the King of Mampoo, has also come in and submitted to British power.

It is reported at Rome that a special communication has been made to the Italian Government on behalf of Germany to the effect that the continuance of the war in Abyssinia will tend to the advantage of England, and to the weakening of the Triple Alliance, and that, therefore, the Italian Government should bring the war to as speedy a close as possible.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

A FRENCH HINT TO THE UNITED STATES.

An Exchange Telegraph Company's despatch from Paris says:—The *Eclair* ridicules the decision of the Foreign Affairs Committee at Washington on the Venezuela Content. If the American Government enforced such measures the European nations would come to an understanding to close their ports to American ships, and the Washington Cabinet would be compelled to ask for quarter within eight days.

ENGLAND AND THE PORTE.

The *Daily Chronicle* says there is a rumour that Lord Salisbury was personally willing to take strong measures against the Sultan, but that his Cabinet was not, as a whole, willing to proceed to extremities, and that ultimately a less decided policy was adopted.

MORE OF MAJOR LOTHAIRE.

The *Daily Chronicle's* Brussels correspondent says:—A private letter just received by a resident of Namur from a Catholic missionary on the Upper Congo shows that the reports of recent trouble at