

ble, the famous Dr Nansen. He was on visit at the residence of Major Kingscote at Galway by the mid-day mail for

**FAMILY OF WILLIAM CARLETON.**—Mr A writes to the *Athenæum*:—"Your will be interested to learn that a grant has been made by the Treasury out of the Bounty Fund to Mrs Fox and Mrs the two surviving daughters of William the Irish novelist. These ladies desire through your columns their sincere to the Irish men of letters who supported social thus favourably dealt with by Mr Balfour."

#### THE NEW MAIL SERVICE.

is informed that nothing definite has at all arrived at with reference to the New Mail so far as it affects the Waterford, Limerick and Western Railway. The statement that the mails will reach Limerick at 9.55 a.m. on the 10.35 is inaccurate. The acceleration of something like twenty-five minutes, the outward mail will probably be five minutes later than it does at present. As stated, nothing has been decided on and the negotiations between the Command and the Post Office are still pending, but the matter will be brought to a close in a week, as the New Mail Service generally goes into operation on the 1st May.

**ASSAULT ON THE HON. C. NUGENT.** An assault committed on the Hon Charles C. Nugent, D.L., of Flowerhill, Portumna, by a tenant named Patrick Shaughnessy, to have been of a more violent character than was at first supposed to be. The occurrence took place outside the union workhouse, where Mr Nugent had visited in his capacity as a member of the Portumna Guardians. As he was leaving the precincts of the building Shaughnessy attacked him with a heavy stick, and struck him two violent blows on the head, cutting and bleeding him, and only when overpowered by some gentlemen came to Mr Nugent's aid. Shaughnessy, under arrest, is one of the evicted tenants of the Clanciarde estate. He had a boundary dispute in the courts some time ago with Mr

#### MILITARY PRIZE ESSAYS.

A report of the referees on the Military Prize Essays has been laid before a meeting of the Royal United Service Institution, London, on the 26th. The subject of the essays, numbered 26, was—"The Relative Advantages and Disadvantages of Voluntary and Compulsory Military Service, both from a Military and a National point of view." The gold medal and Gascoigne prize of 40 guineas was awarded to Captain Ellison, of the Queen's, and the French Gascoigne prize of 20 guineas to Captain D Henderson, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Captain W P of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, Captain G of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and Major Telfen Smollett were honoured.

#### DEEP WORRIED AND KILLED BY DOGS.

(FROM OUR ANNIS CORRESPONDENT.) Reports have lately been received from various parts of the country, and in several instances, the killing of sheep by wretched, unfed curs. On Friday night, at Mr Charles McInerney's, Cappaculler, three sheep were killed and their carcasses terribly torn and mangled. It is not

care of two eminent medical authorities, Dr Smyly and Sir Francis Cruise, both of whom are in constant attendance at the Palace. Early yesterday the following bulletin in reference to his Grace's condition was issued by these two gentlemen:—"Rather a disturbed night. Much the same as last four days." Later in the day it was announced that his Grace was very quiet, and suffered no pain. On inquiry at the Palace at a late hour last night our representative was informed that there was no change in the Archbishop's condition. The illness, however, is still described as dangerous, and anxiety in regard to his condition has by no means lessened. During the day there were numerous callers at the Palace to hear the latest intelligence as to the Archbishop's condition.

#### DEATH OF A LIMERICK MAN IN THE UNITED STATES.

A recent issue of a United States paper says—James Hartney O'Connell, one of the earliest pioneers of Vancouver County, died at his home in that city on the 16th of February, at the age of 66 years. He was a sufferer from various diseases for several years, but the immediate cause of his death was softening of the brain and heart trouble. He left a widow, but no children. James Hartney O'Connell was born in Rathkeale, county Limerick, and was brother of the late Mr Richard O'Connell, painter and decorator, Old Turnpike, Nenagh. He was born in 1831. During the latter part of 1853 he took passage as a private in Company B, Third Regiment, United States Artillery, on board the ill-fated steamer City of San Francisco, which left New York the latter part of that year, laden with passengers, including the Third Artillery Regiment, bound for San Francisco, and which was wrecked by a gale off Cape Hatteras about Christmas, 1853. During the gale, the rigging and hurricane deck of the vessel were carried away, and more than 150 officers and men belonging to the regiment together with a number of passengers, were swept into the sea. Hartney O'Connell was among the survivors who were left on the dismantled wreck. After several days of terrible exposure and hardship, Hartney O'Connell, with Lieutenant Winder, afterwards General Winder, of the Confederate Army, and a few others, were picked up by a passing vessel and taken to Liverpool. Shortly after their arrival there they were taken back to New York, and during the summer of 1854, O'Connell again took passage with his regiment for the Pacific coast, arriving safely at San Francisco, and in the latter part of the same year O'Connell's company was sent to Fort Vancouver. O'Connell was an Indian war veteran, doing active service with his Regiment, then commanded by General Wright, in many important engagements during the early Indian wars in Oregon. He was with his regiment during the war of the Rebellion until 1864, when he was mustered out at San Francisco. During all of that time the regiment was on the Pacific coast. Immediately after receiving his discharge he came here, where he took up his residence, and worked at his trade, that of a house painter, and has lived here ever since. He received a pension from the Government of twelve dollars a month, under the act of 1890.

#### KILRUSH BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

##### CHARGES OF BRIBERY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Kilrush, Monday.

At the usual meeting of this Board on Saturday, Mr Anthony McNamara (Vice-Chairman) presided. The attendance of Guardians was small. The only question of interest before the Board was the delay of the Local Government in sanctioning the appointment of Michael Keating who had been elected to the office of rate-collector

I hope soon to be able to publish a good subscription list as to amount showing how universal the wish to see the Show is both in town and country.

I am glad to be able to report that Lord Zetland, who supported our 1890 Show to it, has this year presented a specimen the winner of the 14 stone jumping class. From the first day of his arrival in Lord Lieutenant, he showed the greatest interest in forwarding Irish industries on the most possible lines.

I trust there are many who will enter to win the Zetland prize who would not trouble to compete for the money prize as the amount is. Lord Zetland wishes the Committee to encourage the breed of the highest class of weight-carrying hunt dogs. Lord Coventry and the other witnesses of the Royal Commission on Horse Breeding in the South of Ireland so much credit for their contribution.

I trust many others will follow Lord Zetland's example, and help to make this a really successful year.

Yours truly,  
R. GIBSON,

#### THE CHARTER OF LIMERICK

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK COURIER.  
DEAR SIR—I notice that a writer in your York paper refers in glowing terms to a supposed fact, that we are this year celebrating with every significant mark the 700th anniversary of King John the Conqueror's founding of the City of Limerick. While this historical event is exciting great interest all over the world, we in Limerick seem to be displaying a most remarkable apathy where one would naturally expect to find no ordinary feeling and enthusiasm. A few months ago the installation of Mayor, this intention was launched with a great flourish of trumpets, so far at all events as to be since then I have heard nothing about it. Perhaps the fault is my own, as I have been a very close observer of Municipal affairs. Your readers may be able to tell me if the Executive Committee has been for some time past working on a programme laid down. If not we should certainly wake up because an elaborate and costly scheme such as this one ought to be, will require a great deal of working out, and will take some time to carry even the preliminary arrangements into effect.

Yours faithfully,  
"RIP VAN

March 22nd.

#### SEWERAGE WORKS IN LIMERICK

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK COURIER.  
SIR—I see by a report of the proceedings of the Improvement Committee of the Corporation which appeared in your issue of the 17th that it was decided to grant the application of Mr Blackall, solicitor, who asked, through Mrs Peacocke, that the committee should force her to make any connection with the sewer from the w.c.s attached to the property, in Mount Vincent Terrace.

I carefully scanned your paper of the 17th and the Ratepayers' Association had taken a strong objection to this conduct, which Councillor Donohue but very justly, termed "a dereliction of duty." I cannot find that any reference was made to this matter by the association, and, the ratepayer of the Dock Ward, I protest against this injustice to the ratepayers, and the landlords who have already (in some cases) willingly made the required alterations. Main sewers are being constructed at a enormous cost for the purpose of putting the city in a sanitary condition. The already high ratepayers, seeing the necessity for this, were satisfied to bear the extra burden upon them, knowing that the Corporation had power to compel house owners to make