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TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 20, 1897

A DEBATE on the foreign relations of the empire was raised in the House of Commons last night by Sir William Harcourt over the vote for the foreign office. It is significant of the gravity of the European situation that the Leader of the Opposition did not endeavour to make any party capital out of the subject. He opened his remarks by stating he did not think anyone would consider that it was premature or inopportune at that period of the session that the House of Commons should ask of the Government some explanation of the situation of things in Eastern Europe. Two years ago the Eastern question had been taken charge of by the six European powers. There was then the condition of Armenia to be considered, and it was promised that the Asiatic provinces of the Turkish empire were to be granted reforms. He wanted to know how far these promises had been fulfilled. Then the Concert of Europe undertook the settlement of Cretan affairs. More than a year ago the condition of Crete was such that a military occupation of the island took place. The Powers, and the English Government pledged themselves to establish an absolute autonomy to the appointment of a Christian Governor, and to the removal of the Turkish troops. Sir William wanted to know what progress had been made towards the fulfilment of any of these declarations. It had been said that the six Powers had made such a mess of affairs in Crete that it had been left to Turkey to make the offer of sending troops there to preserve order, and that it was only within the last two days that the Sultan had abandoned the intention of taking Crete out of their hands. There were rumours that at the present time the Mahomedans were intimidating the Christians there, and that disturbances were expected. Finally there was the subject of the terms of peace between the Sultan and Greece as regards Thessaly. Sir William would like very much to have from the Government a definite declaration of their policy in that matter. He wanted to know whether they adhered to the declaration they had so often made that no territory which had passed away from Turkish rule should be again brought under it, and how soon they might expect the peace negotiations to be brought to a conclusion. It is a most unfortunate thing that under the present circumstances the Foreign Minister could not be present to give the House of Commons the information which was asked by the Leader of the Opposition, and in which the whole nation takes an interest. The statesman who is at once Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, is a member of the House of Lords, and thus precluded from addressing the other branch of the Legislature. Such an anomaly is not permitted in any legislature but our own, and accordingly it was left to Mr. Curzon to satisfy the public with an account of the foreign situation of this country on the points concerning which information is asked. With regard to Armenia, it was admitted that great distress prevailed in that country. But some Turkish officials were doing their best to bring about a better state of things. Some reforms had been put into operation in Asia Minor, but the result had not been satisfactory. As to Crete, the insurgents were now disposed to appreciate more highly the autonomy they were offered, and the Christians were uniting to elect delegates to an assembly which would reflect their own views, and thus give material assistance to the Powers. It is perfectly patent, said Mr. Curzon, that the condition of things in the interior of Crete was no gordian knot to be cut by a blow of a sword, but was one that would call for the most careful diplomatic treatment. With regard to Greece, there were two aspects of the question when the matter was placed in the hands of the Powers—namely, the suppression of hostilities and the terms of peace. The first was effected on the 1st of June. As to the latter, the Turks demanded the cession of Thessaly, an indemnity of ten millions, and the abolition of the capitulations. The Powers replied that the first was inadmissible, but that a rectification of the frontier might be considered; that the indemnity was to be measured by the power of Greece to pay it, and that the capitulations might be reformed. Negotiations on these lines have been going

cheap sales and stock-taking, a holiday at this time of the year would be an especial boon, and would enable them to resume their duties with renewed vigor. No matter in what position one may be employed, a day off from the worry and turmoil of daily routine is calculated to revive the organisation physically and otherwise, and certainly the drapers are as deserving of it as any other class. But from the correspondence which has appeared in our columns lately, we believe that the holiday need not be confined to the drapers alone, but that it could be extended, as it deserves to be, to the other classes of mercantile pursuits in the city. A little co-operation would effect such a result, and we are certain in these circumstances the movement will be attended with the success it deserves.

The Mayor presided at the City Police Court this morning, and disposed of a few cases of drunkenness.

A man named Thomas Mahony, from Mary street, was admitted into Barrington's Hospital last night, suffering from a fractured leg. It is not stated how the accident occurred.

SELF-ACCUSED OF MURDER.

A report from Rathkeale states that a tramp giving the name of Coa Mulcahy, of Oola, who had spent the night in Rathkeale Workhouse, delivered himself up to the local police yesterday on the self-accusation of murdering his wife last week on the road between Ennis and Kilrush, county Clare. He says that he buried the body beneath briars and bushes. The police, however, do not attach any credence to the allegations, believing them to be the result of delirium.

BRITISH CANOE ASSOCIATION AND CASTLECONNELL.

Mr John Enright, of Castleconnell, has written to the Secretary British Canoe Association inviting the members of the Association at present cruising on Lough Derg to visit Castleconnell. He has placed at their disposal a very suitable camping ground. Their visit to the locality would be hailed with delight by the villagers.

ACCIDENT TO MR. R. R. STUDDERT, J.P.

We regret to learn that Mr. R. R. Studdert, J.P., Haslewood, Co. Clare, met with a an accident on Friday evening while riding his bicycle home from Ardsollus station. Mr. Studdert had been at the Limerick Regatta during the day, returning by the 7.10 p.m. train. He got out at Ardsollus and started to cycle home. About midway between the station and his residence, at a sharp turn, where the road was wet, the machine slipped, throwing Mr. Studdert heavily over. Finding he had sustained some serious injury to the right leg, Mr. Studdert sent someone from the locality who happened to turn up at the moment, for a car. After his removal home, Dr. Faris was sent for to Ennis, and when he came he found Mr. Studdert had got a simple fracture of the bone, and that the injury happily did not threaten any complications. The very many friends of the sufferer throughout the county will be glad to hear he is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR WILLIAM CRONIN.

The remains of the late Mr William Cronin who was accidentally drowned at the Limerick Regatta on Friday evening, were removed on Sunday afternoon from St Michael's R.C. Church for interment in the family burial place at Mungret. The circumstances of the extremely sad fatality have aroused amongst all classes and creeds the deepest sympathy with the relatives of the deceased, who was most intimately connected with commercial interests in Limerick by reason of his position as an official in the employment of Mr Murphy, Carting Agent of the Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway. He was highly esteemed by a host of friends, as was proved by the immense proportions of the funeral on Sunday last. The coffin was borne on the shoulders of several friends through the city. The following clergy were present—Father Browne, P P, Mungret; Father Halpin, P P, Doncuphinan; Rev Dr Riordan, St Michael's; Rev Father Fegan, do; Rev Father Lee, do. The chief mourners were—Messrs James Kennedy, Michael and Francis Reynolds, Thomas Kiely, and Patrick Casey (cousins of the deceased). Amongst the general public we observed—The Mayor, Mr J Guinane, J P; Mr R Fogerty, C E; Mr A J Eakins, Mr J. Murphy, Carting Agent, Waterford; Mr Beddoes, W L and W Railway, Limerick; Mr W H Thompson, do; Mr J Connington, Lower Shannon Steamship Company; the staffs of the Manager's Office W L and W Railway; the staffs of the Audit Office, do; the staffs of the Goods Department, do; the staff of the Coaching Department, do; the staff of the Stores Department, do; the staff of the Locomotive Department, do; the staff of the Engineers' Department, do; the staff of the G S and W R; the staff of the Steamship Companies; the members of the Ancient Order of Foresters; the Carting Agents staff at Limerick; the staff of John Wallis & Sons, Railway Carriers. Wreaths were sent by the following:—Miss Cronin, sister of the deceased; Mrs Hanrahan and sisters; staff of the Manager's Office; staff of Goods Department; staff of the Coaching Department; staff of Audit Office; J & G Boyd, Ltd; Two Friends; the Misses McNamara, Boland, and Fitzgerald; the Carting Agents staff, Limerick; Lower Shannon Office staff; Ancient Order of Foresters. There were over 80 vehicles in the funeral procession.

PROBATE AND MATRIMONIAL DIVISION.

(Before Judge Warren.)

HARTIGAN V. HARTIGAN.

Mr W F Kenny (instructed by Mr Thos H Kenny) said that this case stood over to see if a settlement could be arrived at. The petition was by the wife for a divorce upon the ground of alleged cruelty. The parties reside in Limerick. The respondent had offered to pay his wife £500 in lieu of all claims. At the time of her marriage the wife brought her husband £1,000, and, having regard to his present position, she did not think the offer made was sufficient. She therefore asked his lordship to fix alimony at the rate of £1 a week.

Mr D E Browne (instructed by Messrs P S Connolly and Co), on the part of the respondent, submitted that the offer of £500 was as much as his client could reasonably be expected to pay.

Judge Warren said he would grant alimony at the rate of £26 a year from the date of the citation.

Mr Browne said his client wished to have a speedy trial.

Judge Warren fixed the hearing for Sept. 1st.

DEATH OF MRS JOSEPH O'MALLEY.

With the deepest regret, we record this evening the demise of Mrs O'Malley, wife of Mr Joseph O'Malley, B E, which took place early on Sunday morning at her residence, 10, Glentworth street. Mrs O'Malley had been some two or three weeks ill, and for several days back most seriously. Nevertheless, it was fondly hoped that she would rally in time, but Providence has ordained it otherwise, and at a very young age she has passed away, to the inexpressible grief of her husband and her parents, Mr and Mrs Michael Egan, and family. The utmost sympathy has been expressed in the City, where signs of mourning were most general, and it may also be added that the standards of the Limerick Boat Club and Shannon Rowing Club were at half mast. Mrs O'Malley was a most accomplished young lady and her bright, winsome and graceful manner won for her a large circle of friends to whom her decease has caused the most poignant sorrow. The funeral, which took place this morning for Mount St. Laurence Cemetery, was a striking testimony of respect and sympathy. It was very large and most representative, and there was a very long line of carriages from the city and county.

The Chief Mourners were—Mr Joseph O'Malley, B E, husband; Mr Michael Egan, father; Mr John Egan, Mr Michael Egan, and Mr Joseph Egan, brothers; Mr Andrew Egan, uncle; Mr Andrew Egan, Mr Cornelius Egan, Mr John Egan, Ashroe, and Mr John Egan, Castleconnell, cousins; Mr F O'Malley, T C; Mr James O'Malley, and Mr Denis O'Malley, brothers in-law.

The clergy present were—The Rev Dr Shanahan P P, V G, St Munchin's; Rev F Magner, Superior Sacred Heart College; Rev Fr O'Keeffe, S J, Rev Fr Shanahan, P P, St Patricks; Rev Fr Weaver, S J; Rev Fr Cregan, C C, St Michael's; Rev M Hanrahan, Prior, O S A; Rev Fr McDermott, O S A; Rev Dr Riordan, St Michael's; Rev Fr Knowles, O S A; Rev Fr Ryan, P P, Murroe; Rev Fr Ryan, C C, Templebraden; Rev Fr Ryan, C C, Fethard.

Amongst the general public were:—The Mayor (Mr Michael Cusack), Mr Wm Spillane, D L; Mr John Morton, Manager Provincial Bank; Mr Benjamin Barrington, solicitor; Mr Wm M Beauchamp, solicitor; Dr Fogerty, Dr Malone, Mr E H Poe Hosford, Dr Graham, Dr Nolan, Dr E O'Neill, Resident Medical Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum; Dr F O'Mara, Assistant, do; Dr J F Shanahan, Rev J Dowd, Dr Lee, Dr Holmes, Dr Humphreys, Dr Haran, Dr Laird, Mr J C T Day, Mr F J Fitt solicitor; Mr James Gaffney, solicitor; Mr T Kenny, solicitor; Mr E G Fitt, County Inspector Keyes, Station Inspector Hebreed, Dr E Barry, Mr W E Counihen, solicitor; Mr A Blood-Smith, solicitor; Mr R McNamara, solicitor; Mr W Leahy, solicitor; Mr J Horan, County Surveyor; Mr J J Browne, C E; Dr T Gelston, Mr S B Quin, J P, City High Sheriff; Mr R Fogerty, C E; Mr P J Deane, Manager National Bank; Mr Murphy, Manager Bank of Ireland; Mr V Golden, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank; Mr Wm Manahan, Mr P E Bourke, J P; Mr John Guinane, J P; Alderman Carr, Alderman D Ryan, Mr H Blackall, solicitor; Mr H V Morony, B E, Harbour Engineer; Mr H J Guinane, Clerk Limerick Union; Mr S Hastings, solicitor; Mr Ralph Nash, solicitor; Mr Jas H Moran, solicitor; Mr James Doyle, solicitor; Mr Vincent Nash, J P; Mr Wm F O'Grady, J P; Mr A Murray, Mr Philip R Toppin, Mr James Delaney, Mr F E Kearney, solicitor; Mr C O'Donnell, solicitor; Mr Philip J O'Sullivan, solr; Mr W E Corbett, C E, City Surveyor; Mr John Ryan, solicitor; Mr Wm M Nolan, Town Clerk; Mr E Gleeson, T C; Mr E Herbert, T C; Mr T McMahon Cregan, J P; Mr James Ryan, J P; Mr James Coffey, solicitor; Mr J P Hall, solicitor; Mr McCoy, solicitor Mr William Fogerty, solicitor; Mr D Tidmarsh, Mr Lavertine, Mr A Wotzell, Mr Peter Cronin, Mr F Gaffney, Mr J Gleeson, Mr J Barry, Mr P Treacy, T C; Mr George O'Dea, P L G; Mr D F McNamara, P L G; Mr R Haines, P L G; Mr Thomas Lane, P.L.G; Mr Wm Nunan, P.L.G; Mr Wm Bateman, Mr S Lee, Mr R Lee, Mr R Gibson, Mr P Vaughan (Traffic Manager W L & W R), Mr Kearney (G S & W R), Mr John Hayes (Cappamore), Dr Ryan (Newport), Mr E C Winter, V.S, Mr A Hall, junr, Mr C Blundell, Mr J Cusack, Mr Michael Ryan (High-street), Mr James Forrest (High Constable), Mr J DeCourcey, Mr Michael O'Shea, Mrs. W L Stokes, J P; Mr Connington, Mr Herriott, Mr Orpen, Mr Wm F Fitt, Mr John Byrne, Messrs Ebrill, Mr J Ginnie, J.P, Dr O'Shaughnessy, J.P, Mr D Begley, T.C; Mr Wm Cleary, Mr Ernest Christy, Mr John Hayes, Mr James Hayes, Ald S O'Mara, Mr Michael O'Brien, Mr Laffan, P L G; Mr Michael McNamara, P L G; Mr G Hare, Mr D Donovan, Mr Belcher, Mr Hugh Coyle, Mr John Boyd, Secretary Harbour Board; Mr P Franklin, T C; Mr John Barry, Mr de Prins, Mr John Smith, Mr John McInerney, Chairman Limerick Board of Guardians; Mr John Hardiman, Mr T McKeogh, Mr A O'Regan, Mr P Riordan, Mr T McSwiney, Mr D Thompson, Mr J B Smyth, Mr Belshaw, Mr James Nelson, Mr E Van Essbeck, Head Constable Morrow, Mr C H Pike, City Sub Sheriff; Mr James Quin, J P; Mr P McDonnell, Mr Patrick D Nelson, T C; Mr John O'Mara, Mr Xendal Irwin, Mr N A Brophy, Dr McDonagh, Mr O D Coll, V S; Mr Kinsionth, Ald Kenna, J P; Mr C Foran, Mr Wm Fitzgerald, P L G; Dr McGrath, Mr Robert O'Brien, Mr J Roche, Mr T McGrath, Mr Cahill, Mr T Bourke, Mr John Enright, Castleconnell; Messrs Ledger, Mr John Cline, J P; Mr John Casey, Mr L & W R; Mr Wm DeCourcy, Mr F Johnson, Mr S Barual, Mr Goodwin, Mr P Herbert, T C; Mr E J Long, Mr John F Power, Mr O'Brien Kelly, B L; Mr T Geraghty, Mr M D Carr, Mr Matthew DeCourcy, Coroner; Mr Michael Woulfe, Mr John DeCourcy, P S C; Mr John Spillane, Mr Michael Spain, C C; Mr O'Toole, Mr J Anglim, T C; Mr McDonnelly, T C; Mr Thomas Donnellan, T C; Mr Michael McDonnell, T C; Mr Moylett, Mr D Keating, Mr D F McNamara, Mr Michael Egan, Tulla; Mr M J Dowling, Patrick street; Mr J T Nelson, Patrick street, Mr Donnellan, Dr Donnellan, Mr Donnellan, junr; Mr Bassett, Mr Woodhouse, Mr A J Eakins (Guy & Co), Mr D Lander, Mr James Flynn (Cruise's Royal Hotel) Mr C Corneille, Mr P Hartigan, (George Hotel) Mr M J Riordan, Mr P Griffin, Patrick st; Mr M T Griffith, Mr T O'Malley, Mr James O'Malley, Mr Wm Holliday, Mr Wm Lloyd, Mr James Bodkin, Mr O Wallace, Mr James Wallace, Mr J Nelson, Mr J Kelly, Mr John McBirney, Mr A J Bush, Mr M Maguire, Mr George Whelan, Mr T Delaney, Mr T O'Gorman, Mr G P Hare, Fer Square; Rev Father Joseph, P P Gaffney, T C; Mr Eugene O'Callaghan, junior, Mr Ed O'Callaghan, Dr Ryan, Castleconnell; Mr T Hartigan, B L; Mr P Fitzgerald, Market Inspector; Mr H O'Brien, Mr F G Kennedy, J P; Mr John Dundon, solr; Mr S F Dowling, J P; Mr B Mc Mann, Mr E Murray, Mr J F Murray, Mr D Cronin.

Amongst those who sent carriages were:—Mrs O'Brien, South Hill, Mr H Blackall, Mrs Potter, Mr James Quin, Mr D Tidmarsh, Mr V Nash, Mrs O'Callaghan, George-street; Mr L Leonard, Mr W B Fitt, Mr P E Bourke, Mr J Barry, Mr P Tracey, Mr W; Hetred, D I; Mr W L Stokes, Mrs Enright, Castleconnell; Alderman Carr, Dr Holmes, Mr O'Brien, Mr R O'Brien, Mr E C Winter, V S; Mrs Herris, Messrs Ebrill, Mr P O'Malley, Mr M D Carr, Mr R Holmes, &c.

Wreathes were sent by Mr and Mrs Egan, Mr Andrew Egan, Mrs Michael Egan, Tulla; Mr G

LIMERICK MARKETS TRUSTEES' LOAN.

In consequence of the unsatisfactory financial condition of the Markets owing to the decrease in tolls from corn and other source a consequent on the altered conditions of agriculture, the Trustees some time ago proposed that the mortgagees should consent to a reduction of the rate of interest from 5 to 4 per cent., so that the Trustees might be in a better position to meet their liabilities. The Economic Assurance Company, the largest mortgagee, refused to accede to the proposal, and threatened to proceed for the recovery of principal and interest. In the circumstances the Trustees decided to obtain a loan to pay off the Economic debt of £19,250, and a London firm of financial agents has now offered to obtain this sum at 3½ per cent. on certain conditions, which were submitted to the Trustees for their consideration. A meeting of the latter body was held this afternoon to consider the matter. The Mayor presided, and there were also present—Alderman Riordan, Mr James Quin, J P, Mr P Herbert, T C, Mr Michael Donnelly, T C, Mr R A Gleeson, T C, Mr M Spain, T C, and Mr John Boyd, with Mr H Blackall, Solicitor to the Trustees, and Mr J Hardiman, Secretary. The proceedings were private, but it is understood the Trustees decided to accept the terms and negotiate the loan. Mr Blackall was directed to communicate the result of to-day's meeting to London.

CORPORATION COMMITTEES.

NIGHT WATCH.

Mr Thomas Donnellan presided at this and other committees.

Also present — Town Councillors— Michael MacDonnell, R Nash, W Frost, Michael Donnelly, D Nelson, R Hickey, J P Gaffney.

Mr Ryan, Inspector, read the report for the past week, which contained no features of special interest.

The Chairman stated that in the Thomondgate district the lamps were not lighted till ten or eleven o'clock; he thought Mr Spillane's attention should be directed to the matter.

Mr Nelson—Mr Ryan, are you aware that the lamps in Corbally were lighting the other morning at five o'clock.

Mr Ryan—I am not, sir.

Mr Nelson—Well they were; it was reported to me.

Mr Nash did not think they should blame the watchman in the locality, Taylor, who he said, was not able to put them out.

Mr Ryan—He is a man of weak sight.

Mr Nelson—Surely his sight is not so bad that he cannot see the lamps (laughter).

Mr Nash—How old is he?

Mr Ryan and Mr Hayes, Inspectors, thought he was about 50.

Mr Nash—He must be about 90 (laughter).

It was decided to have Taylor before the Committee.

PEOPLE'S PARK COMMITTEE.

At the People's Park Committee meeting there was some discussion about the expense of printing band programmes, the Chairman considering it was unnecessary, but he would have posters directing attention to the promenades.

Some other members agreed that the expense was unnecessary.

Mr Nelson remarked that they got a band for nothing and he thought they ought not object to the expense of the programmes.

Mr McDonnell—Could not the music go on without the programmes?

The Town Clerk said it could.

The bill was referred to Council.

Mr Corbett, in compliance with the resolution of the Committee, submitted estimates for the following works proposed to be done in the People's Park:—To construct an addition to Mr Bourke's cottage, a parlour and two bedrooms, £120; to construct a pond, say, 50 feet in diameter, £120; to construct a shed, 20 feet in length, with a corrugated iron roof, and the front and end shaped with 1½ tongued and grooved sheeting, £20; to provide 12 small seats, £12; sanitary accommodation, £30; to paint the green-house, £20.

The report was referred to the Town Council.

HACKNEY CAR COMMITTEE.

The Town Clerk reported that 70 Hackney Car licenses had been passed by the Committee out of a total of 120.

The Chairman asked if all the Hackney Car owners had paid their licenses.

Mr Forrest, High Constable, said they had not.

The Treasurer stated that only 13 had paid.

The Chairman said he thought they should make some order in reference to this. When this matter was formulated by the Committee three years ago it was decided that the licenses should be paid by the month of March, and now they were going into the month of August.

It was decided to give the men until the 30th July to pay up, and that the balance of those whose cars have not been inspected by the Committee should attend on Friday next for that purpose.

Mr Nelson complained that on Sunday night last two jarveys came into the Shannon Rowing Club and forced their way upstairs and asked for a drink. The caretaker refused them, and then they turned to him (speaker) and asked him to get a drink for them. He refused, and they went down stairs and kicked up a row. They were informed that their names would be taken. Driver No. 38 went on his car, and taking his whip, swore he would assault any man who attempted to take his number. So he was, one of whom he did not know, then drove down the street.

Mr Forrest said the man's name was Moloney, and on last April he had been fined for loitering.

It was decided that the man should be called before the Committee for an explanation.

THE ENGLISHTOWN FATALITY.

At the Cleansing and Repairing Committee, a letter was read from Mr Dundon, Law Adviser, relative to a claim for compensation made by the parents of the boy, Martin Wallace, who was killed by the collapse of a house in Nicholas street. He stated:—"I am of opinion that there is no legal claim against the Corporation, arising out of the death of this boy. At the same time, if legal proceedings are instituted it will cost some £20 to defend them, if the proceedings are instituted in the first instance in the Superior Courts, and it would be well for the Committee to consider whether it would not be well to give these poor people a few pounds by way of charity rather than spend as much or more in litigation."

James Wallace, father of the deceased boy, wrote relinquishing any proceedings he had taken, and asking the members of the Council to take the matter into their kind consideration and grant something to the boy's mother.

The Chairman said there was no doubt that a moral responsibility attached to the Corporation to prevent the public from going into dangerous places.

Mr McDonnell—They did so, but it was broken down.

Mr Nash said it was hard to fix the Council with a moral responsibility, having regard to the wanton and deliberate destruction of [illegible]

CASTLECONNELL PETTY SESSIONS

YESTERDAY.

Before Mr E F Hickson, R M (in the chair Mr C Vansittart, Mr W G Gubbins, and Mr Westropp.

FISHERY PROSECUTIONS.

Mr E H Poe Hosford, Secretary to the Limerick Fishery Conservators, prosecuted John Kirby of Newtown, near Ballysimon, for using a gaff on the Mulcair river on the 9th June for the purpose of illegally killing salmon.

Mr W E. Cunniam, solicitor for the Conservators, appeared to prosecute.

The defendant was not professionally represented.

Thomas Keyes, head water bailiff, was examined and proved the offence. He seized the gaff in the defendant.

Their Worships inflicted the minimum fine of £4 and costs, the gaff being forfeited.

The same complainant summoned Thomas Clancy, senr; Thomas Clancy, junr, Thomas McNamara, senr; and Thomas McNamara, junr, snap-net fishermen, from Limerick, for fishing with a snap-net in the Mulcair river at Mount Shannon on the 25th of June last. When the defendants were called it was found that the person charged as Thomas Clancy, junr, could not be identified as taking part in the alleged illegal fishing, and the case against him was accordingly withdrawn.

Head Water Bailiff Keyes, deposed that about 5 o'clock a.m. on the 25th June, he saw a snap net being used by four fishermen in two boats outside the mouth of the Mulcair river. He identified the three defendants as being three of the four parties who fished the net on that occasion.

The defendants admitted using the nets, but stated they were ignorant of the law, and did not know they committed any offence; they promised not to do the same again.

Mr Counihan quoted the several Acts of Parliament dealing with the offence.

The Court, in consideration of the defendants admitting the offence, and there being no aggravating circumstances connected with it, and not having been convicted before to the knowledge of the authorities let them off with fines of 5s each and costs.

ENFORCING THE MUZZLING ORDER.

There were a number of cases for unmuzzled dogs at the suit of the Constabulary. The fines in each case when the offence was committed before the 4th July, and the order having only come into force on the 1st July, their worships dismissed each of the summonses without prejudice, but warned the parties concerned to have their muzzles in future.

IRELAND AND BIMETALLISM.

Bimetallic League,
39, Lower Sackville Street
Dublin, July 19th,

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR,—The very able article under this heading contributed by Mr Vesey Knox, M.P., to the current number of the *National Review*, has probably called the attention of your readers to the importance to Irishmen, especially to those directly or indirectly interested in the land question, of the subject of currency reform. The importance cannot be over-estimated. The more closely connected with public and commercial prosperity than is commonly imagined by those who not having given their attention to the question regard it as a purely academic pursuit would be much surprised by discovering how close is the connection between the appreciation of gold and the fall in prices and consequent state of depression which is passing over our country.

The Bimetallic League will shortly institute a series of lectures, to be delivered in various parts of Ireland, in order to make clear the necessity which exists for the adoption of a dual standard of value. Ireland cannot continue to perform the heavy task which has been thrown on it since the closing of the mints of Europe to silver in 1873, without receiving speedy ruin upon all connected with agricultural interest in Ireland.

Any of your readers who may desire further information on this subject will obtain it by addressing a letter to the Hon. Secretary Bimetallic League, at 39 Lower Sackville street, Dublin.—Yours faithfully,

A GOOD-CUTHBERT, }

CLONMEL HORSE SHOW.

The annual show of this society will take place on Thursday, the 5th, and Friday, 6th August. The entries close at single fees on the 21st July, and double fees on the 28th. A substantial money prizes, besides cups, are offered in the various classes, and to attract a large number of competitors for jumping and driving competitions will be given in every way worthy of Tipperary. Clonmel, it is well known, is the centre of a good horse-breeding district, and the competitions in the various departments are sure to command a liberal patronage on the part of the public. The Government Army Remount Department have promised to send one of their officers to the show to purchase suitable remounts, and this, we have no doubt, will materially enhance the entries, which are expected to be large.

ONE WHO FOUGHT AT NAVARINO.

William Johnson, said to be the last of the sailors who fought at Navarino, was buried at Portsmouth on Saturday. Johnson, who was eighty-five years old, was a powder-monkey at Navarino, and subsequently fought at the battle of Acre and other engagements. For many years he had been an inmate of the workhouse where he died, and it was only through the efforts instituted by the medical officer upon the discovery that his record was discovered. The expenses of the funeral were covered by subscriptions from the guardians. The coffin, covered with a Union Jack, was drawn to the grave on a gun carriage by bluejackets from her Majesty's ship Victory, who volunteered for the task. A large crowd followed the coffin.

£50 FOR A KISS.

At Tyrone Assizes, at Omagh, on Monday, before Mr Justice Gibson, George Gillespie's wife, Rebbaca Gillespie, Sixmile Cross, brought an action against George Brown, who lives at the same place, for assault on the plaintiff.

The case was heard as an appeal from the County Court Judge (Sir Francis Brady, Q C), who granted a decree for £5 damages. The evidence given in the County Court on behalf of the plaintiff was repeated.

The appellant, Brown, denied the charge, stated he meant nothing but a joke.

His Lordship, in summing up, on the appeal of appellant's movements, affirmed the decision of the court below with 15s expenses.

ROW IN A PLEASURE BOAT.

An alarming scene occurred on Sunday on board a Norwich pleasure steamer. A party of excursionists were returning from a dispute arose among some of them, and to a strike. A man named Hayward, whose name is not known, commenced