

OF THE POSTAL SERVICE.

An interesting light thrown upon the Irish Post Office in an article contributed by Mr John Salmon to the current *Newsworld*. Payment for the conveyance is recorded even in the Plata, in 1774 the first penny post was established. But even forty years later its narrow indeed. Thus, in 1814, a Dublin to Drogheda or vice versa cost 4d; to Carlow or Mullingar, 5d; to Tullamore, 6d; to Newry, or Kilkenny, 7d; to Armagh, or Dungannon, 8d; to Belfast, Limerick, 9d; to Cork, Derry, Galgo, 10d, and so on. The postage via Holyhead to Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, was 1s; to London, Cambridge, 1s 2d. Mails were also by the Donaghadee and Portpatrick and Milford Haven routes, for the of North and South respectively, rates are mostly found to vary from the metropolitan route and other. From Dublin 9d was also on with other places, the charge computed on the distance in double letters the cost relatively in foreign rates were from Dublin to 3d; in 1816, 2s 2d; in 1821, 2s 3d; to the North of Europe, 2s 8d; 1821, Spain, 2s 2d; to Spain, 1816, through 2d; not through France, 2s 2d; to Good Hope and New South Wales, the Cape of Good Hope, 1816, 4s 6d; Indies, 1s 2d, 1816, 4s 6d. Corresponding as the luxury of the few in those days, perhaps, the letters were nearly always long.

COMMENT OF THE OPEN DOOR POLICY.

The *News* says:—"The text of the *Notes* suggest several points of the most important relate not to any of the *Notes*, but to something which is left in the *Notes* is nothing about 'the open door.' The proviso, that is to say, that on the part of one of the two Powers the other accorded in every way equality of treatment is true that the *Notes* record the agreement of two contracting parties in 'nowise to any way the sovereign rights of China Treaties,' and that thus the Treaty of the charter of British rights in China—etc. But it is doubtful if the open door that Treaty would cover all cases in which a concession granted to one Power might be made to shut the door in the other Power. So far as concessions go, the open door has now been abandoned by the Government, in spite of Michael Hicke-Beach's assertions. It further does the abandonment

A RAILWAY BANK.

In connection with the London and North Railway Company, and in conformity with their Acts of Parliament, there is a bank conducted for the employees of the Company. According to a statement just issued it would seem that the fund standing to the credit of the workmen is £300,000, there are about 5,000 different accounts.

Consols, 110½.
Nationals, 21½ x d; Munsters, 5 9-16; Hibernians, 6½; Provincials, 29.
Guinness, Ord, 56½; Dublin Distillers, Ord, 32s Od, Pref, 4½; Bristols, 43 1-16 x d.
Great Northern, Ord, 173 x d; Great Southern Ord, 126½ x d; Midland Great Western, Ord, 102½; Watertord and Limerick, Ord, 31; Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford, Ord, 24½.
Cots., 71; Cannocks, 7½; Burkes, Ord, 4; Muttons, Pref, 6 5-16; Stewarts, Ord, 5½; W and C McDonnell, Pref, 5½; Dennys, Pref, 15½; Dublin Trams, 26½; Fish Oil, 17s 6d to 17s 9d; Volenite, 8½; Wireless, 6½, ½, ½.
Components, 9s 6d; Dunlops, Def, 4s 9d; Ordinary, 10s 3d; Dunlop (France), 4s 3d x d; Osmonds, 6s 3d; Griffiths, 1s; Humbers, 9s 3d; Singers, 7s 6d.
Milwaukees, 126½; Louisvilles, 66½; Union Pacifics, 43½; Northern, Pref, 68½; Missouries, 12½; Chartered, 3 11-16; Goldfields, 7 9-16; East Rands, 7½.

Announcements of Births, Marriages and Deaths not exceeding 5 lines (which must in all cases be duly authenticated), are charged 2s 6d each. For every additional line 6d.

BIRTHS.

Gibson—At Ardhu Cottage, on the 9th instant the wife of R. Gibson of twin sons.
Henderson—May 8, at Oakley House, Windsor Park, Belfast, the wife of Sir James Henderson of a daughter.
Heron—May 7, at 5 Leeson Park, Dublin, the wife of James Heron, County Surveyor, Monaghan, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

Seton and Wallace—May 3, 1899, at St Martin's-in-Fields, London, by the Rev Fenwick Kitto, Major Henry James Seton, 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, to Marie Bowles, second daughter of Percy Hale Wallace, of Edenbank, Belfast.

DEATHS.

Joynt—At Cappa House, Askeaton, on the 9th instant, John O'D. Joynt, eldest son of the late Mr Edward Joynt. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday) at two o'clock from Cappa Chapel for family burying ground at Beigh. Deeply regretted—R.I.P.
Russell—May 8, 1899, at Ballagasson House, Dunleer, Sidney Massey, dearly loved wife of John J. Russell. "In perfect hope of a joyful resurrection."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Hon. Treasurer of St John's Hospital gratefully acknowledges receipt of cheque for £25, bequest of the late James O'Mara, Esq., J. P., per Alderman Stephen O'Mara.

Fighting is reported from the east bank of the Nile.

The son of the Mikado is going to be married. His name, if the telegraph may be relied on, is Haruonizma Yoshihito. The young lady's name has not yet transpired. The telegraph will take it in hand when there is less press of business.

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