

We notice with extreme pleasure that Dr. avid Humphreys, who for a long period has been incapacitated from professional duty owing to a very critical illness, is now convalescent, and is once more in harness as Visiting Medical Officer of the Limerick Workhouse. This was reported by the Master on yesterday, and the announcement was received with sincere gratification by the Guardians, who took the opportunity of passing a resolution in which they rendered him their heartiest congratulations on his recovery and resumption of duty. The doctor enjoys the best wishes and esteem of his professional brethren, and in no lesser degree of the public also, and everyone will be glad to hear that he is restored to health and vigour.

### THE CROSS-CHANNEL SERVICE.

It is announced that the London and North Western Railway Company, who have for many years devoted much attention and capital to the cultivation of trade between the two countries, will from the 1st May put on a regular service of three cargo steamers daily in each direction between Dublin (North Wall) and Holyhead, and the service throughout will be so much accelerated that it will be possible to despatch merchandise from London, Birmingham, and Manchester, and other important centres in the afternoon or evening, and effect delivery in Ireland on the following day. In the reverse direction goods, produce, live stock, etc., will be given a corresponding quick transit, all of which must be of great advantage to Irish agriculture generally. By this move we shall get a day's journey nearer to the markets of England, and if the Irish railway companies determine to support by all means in their power the enterprise shown by the London and North Western Railway, it cannot fail to have beneficial effect with regard to produce, live stock, and the manufacturers of Ireland.

## TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

### A BOY'S HEROISM.

A correspondent writes us—"An old man, of 73, fell into the Shannon at Foynes, and would have been drowned had it not been for the presence of mind and pluck of a twelve year old boy, son of our respected Station-master, Mr. Edward Scales. The lad was in a boat at the time with other children, and without waiting to look for assistance, left the boat, seized a rope which stretched from the pier to a ship at anchor, with one hand, and catching firm hold of the helpless old man by the collar with the other, hung on, and succeeded in keeping his head over water until assistance

### A CURIOUS MOTOR ACCIDENT.

An extraordinary accident happened to a motorist in the South of Ireland recently. He was just possessed of a new automobile, and one evening when enjoying a spin his pleasure was abruptly terminated. Without any warning he felt the steering wheel jerked out of his hands. The car, becoming uncontrollable, dashed across the road, and a moment later collided with a telegraph pole. So great was the impact that the front of the car was smashed in, and the driver's companion was flung out on the road, sustaining some injury. On seeking for the cause of the disaster, the motorist found that the front wheels of the car were choked up with telephone wire, which, coiling about the spokes in divers fantastic shapes, had practically stopped the wheels from turning. Making further search it was found that these coils of wire were intended for use in connection with a telephone system which is being laid alongside this road. How they came to lie across the highway is up to the present a mystery.

## DEATH OF A LIMERICK MAN IN CAPE TOWN.

*The Cape Times*, of March 29th, announces with great regret, the death of Mr. E. T. St. Leger, editor of that paper. Mr. St. Leger's career, both from a professional and public point of view, was one of brilliancy and distinction. He was senior member for the House of Assembly for Cape Town; was the first permanent Chairman of the Board of Management of the Somerset Hospital; a trustee of the National Art Gallery, and at various times had been with the benevolent and educational work of the Cape Peninsula. It will interest our readers to learn that Mr. St. Leger, B.A., was born in Limerick on March 26th 1833. He was educated at St. Paul's School and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, whence he procured to Oundle School as Classical Master. He went out to South Africa in 1855 and continued his collegiate pursuits. He came to Capetown in 1875, establishing in conjunction with another gentleman the *Daily News*, and in 1876 the *Cape Times*, which was formed into a limited liability company, when Mr. St. Leger became permanent Chairman of the Company, with retention for life of absolute and undivided control of the policy and conduct of that journal.

## CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITION.

An extremely interesting entertainment consisting of a cinematograph and optical lantern display, was given in the Lecture Hall of the Protestant Young Men's Association last evening, by Mr. Kemp, of Belfast, representing Mr. J. Lizars, manufacturing ophthalmic optician, of that city. The attendance was very large, and, needless to say, followed with the greatest interest numerous views of the war and its various phases, and Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, and other distinguished generals, who were loudly

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**BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL**  
ing of the Management of the Barrington's Hospital on Monday Matron, Miss Achill, position in February Dooley, staff nurse, to pending the election of

**ALLEGED LARCENY.**  
Humphreys and John before Mr. Hickson, yesterday morning, c Fitzgerald with the t lead from a tenement Hickson directed that to Petty Sessions.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**  
to Patrick Dinneen, in Saundes, County Kerry was feeding a threshing creamery premises, machinery getting out the defect, with the the middle finger of the and the other fingers y

**ROYAL MUNSTER F**  
now, it is expected, be of the 1st Battalion while Captain Whitehead the rank of major in serving with the 1st B has served over two having joined the F August, 1880, and bec

**THE ROYAL IRISH R**  
Doran, 18th Royal Iris defence of Rustenburg has just been promoted recognition of his service South Africa. He a General Hart during the paign; was at the recently held Rustenburg a large force of the en

**NEGLIGENT CONTRA**  
house Master has this sugar, eggs, and butter inst., in lieu of milk, price of deficient milk and the excess, £4 2s. Messrs. J. Casey, M. J. Considine, George Roughan, H. Hehir, J. nell, and P. Cunningham

**POST OFFICE PROM**  
clerk in the Limerick Department, has been the Surveyor's few more popular than those on telegraph office, a the front rank of the promotion has given circle of friends.

**PROMOTION.**—Mr.