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TELEGRAPH EXTENSION IN CLARE.

Efforts are being made to extend telegraphic facilities to Burren, an important village in the County Clare, situated in the neighbourhood of Ballyvaughan Bay and Aughinish Point. It is accordingly the centre of a large fishing industry, and it is evident that a telegraph station at Burren would be a great convenience and the means of developing the trade of this district with the cross-Channel markets. However, as is very often the case in such matters, there appears to be a stumbling block in the way. Mr. William Redmond, M.P., has received a letter from the Postmaster-General, in which he says—"I find on inquiry into the question of the telegraph extension to Burren, referred to in the letter which you sent me on the 24th instant from the Burren Fisheries Company, that the telegraph vote for the current financial year having been already exhausted, it will not be possible to open the telegraph office at Burren till the next financial year begins. Some additional delay has been caused by difficulties in obtaining way-leave. I regret that I am therefore unable to comply with your request." It is, however, to be hoped that in the near future the Post Office will make provision for having the extension carried into effect.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

It is now definitely decided that the King and Queen will visit Ireland next year during the last fortnight of April, when they are to spend about a week at the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin. Their Majesties will also be the guests of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Lismore Castle, and of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Mount Stewart.

A CORONATION APPEAL.

A circular, signed by Countess Cadogan, Duchess of Abercorn, Lady Lansdowne, and Lady Pembroke, is published, appealing to Irish peeresses who have not yet ordered their Coronation robes to encourage native industry by having them made in Ireland.

A GOOD IDEA.

Have you got your card? is frequently asked in the best houses now. It refers to the special effort being made to extend the work of the Queen's nurses inaugurated by her late Majesty with her Diamond Jubilee gift of £70,000. His Majesty the King is desirous of seeing a fully trained nurse for the poor in every parish in the land. Lord Londesborough had a drawing-room meeting of his guests a few days since, and Lady Londesborough distributed cards. If every woman in the land gave a penny, the work wished by the King would be almost complete.

NEWS FOR TETOTALLERS.

Few tetotallers know that there is still in existence an old law which declares that a society of total abstainers which makes "taking the pledge" a condition of admission, is an illegal confederacy, and its members are liable to seven years' penal servitude, unless it be either registered as a friendly society or the pledge be taken in a form approved by justices of the peace.

POKING FUN AT A KING.

One of the few coins in the history of the world which can be accused of having a humorous side to it has just been sold. In 1879 the Danes descended on the port of Hamburg, but their attack on the famous Hanse town proved unsuccessful, and the inhabitants of the town struck a medal to commemorate the occasion. The legend on the coin reads, "The King of Denmark has been to Hamburg. If thou wouldst know what he has achieved, look on the other side." Needless to add "The other side" is a blank.

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DEATH OF MR. J. H. WALLACE.

We announce with very sincere regret the death which took place at his residence, 17 Barrington street, last night, of Mr. John Henry Wallace, senior member of the firm of Richard Wallace, the oldest established firm of jewellers in the city. Mr. Wallace had been confined to his house for only ten days or so, but within the past few days his illness occasioned the deepest anxiety. His demise at the comparatively early age of 55 years removes from our midst a gentleman who throughout his life displayed the highest ideals of Christianity, and that in a most unostentatious manner. His kindness of heart, and gentle, retiring disposition, were well known to all who came in contact with him, either in business or private life, but the extent of his charity and benevolence will probably never be known. Mr. Wallace was the eldest surviving son of the late Mr. Richard Wallace, and the representative of a very old and highly esteemed Limerick family. In the early sixties he passed a most brilliant examination for paymaster's clerk in the Royal Navy, and was stationed for a while on H.M. ship "Ajax" at Kingstown. He afterwards severed his connection with the navy, and entered into commercial life with his father, succeeding in making the business one of the best in the city. To his widow and family we tender our deep sympathy in their poignant sorrow.

The funeral will take place at 9.30 on Saturday morning for the family burial place at St. Munchin's Church.

COUNTY INFIRMARY.

The monthly meeting of the Managing Committee was held yesterday. Present—Mr. A. W. Shaw, J.P. (in the chair), Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. J. E. Goodbody, and Mr. M. D. Shaw.

Also attended—Miss Mayne, Matron; Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Laird, and Mr. Elloff, Secretary. The number of patients in house was 43, the average number of beds occupied for November was 468. The bank account was overdrawn by £793 18s 6d. A cheque was drawn for £22 18s 9d to pay house accounts for the month.

The following resolution was adopted and it was decided to forward it to the Local Government Board—"That this Board desire to remind the Local Government Board of Ireland, that no notice has yet been taken of its resolution forwarded on 23rd April, 1900, and that it still considers the question pressing and important. This Board would respectfully suggest that a scheme should be formulated by which certain County Infirmarys, approved by the Local Government Board should be allowed to train nurses who would be qualified for positions under the Local Government Board. The existing disability of our nurses in this respect creates a difficulty in obtaining suitable applicants for training."

SUICIDE IN A WORKHOUSE.

At the meeting of the Rathkeale Guardians yesterday, the Master reported that on Thursday evening, 29th November, an inmate of the hospital named Joseph Nash committed suicide by cutting his throat, he died on the following Saturday. The Master stated that on the matter being reported to him he sent for the priest and doctor. The man was found in the garden, having walked out, and the Coroner on being communicated with by the Constabulary, replied that it was not necessary to hold an inquest.

EX-TEACHER'S SAD PLIGHT.

At the meeting of the Rathkeale Guardians yesterday, Mr. Pigott brought under the notice of the Board the destitute condition of a man named Michael Hennessy, of Crough, adult national teacher. He said that the unfortunate man was actually starving, and, like a great many others, he would rather die outside than enter the Workhouse. He would confidently ask the Board to grant provisional relief for one month. If there was a surcharge he (the speaker) would be responsible. The Board were unanimous in granting relief for one month.

from America to Cork and then to Limerick. Later on he said he had come from Dublin. He had been three days in the city. Accused was taken before Mr. Hickson R.M., at the Police Court this morning, and charged with riotous and disorderly conduct. On the application of Mr. Dundo solicitor, he was remanded to Petty Sessions tomorrow to enable the Corporation to prosecute him for maliciously breaking the lamp. Mr. Hickson said he was very glad that one man who had been arrested in connection with the breaking of the glass in Thomas-street.

THE THEATRE ROYAL.

FURTHER DISCUSSION.

At the meeting of the Health Committee last night,

Mr. Moloney asked was there anything further as to the alterations in the Theatre.

Mayor: Mr. Peacocke, have you any correspondence on the matter?

Mr. Peacocke: No.

Mr. Moloney: He is satisfied to close up the Theatre now sooner than agree to the recommendations.

Mayor: That is what happened two weeks ago.

Mr. Peacocke: I have sent all the proceedings of the Public Health Committee on to the Council for adoption.

Mayor: Did you furnish Mr. Fogarty with an account of what happened at this meeting two weeks ago.

Mr. Peacocke: Yes, and was for the Council now to say whether they will accept the recommendations or not.

The Mayor said that the matter stood over till the Council dealt with it. If the Council agree to the recommendations the Law Adviser would be instructed to carry them out.

UNFOUNDED RUMOURS AT ENNIS.

William O'Grady, a well-known cattle dealer was found dead in bed in his home in Westley lane yesterday morning. He had been at Clonroe Fair the previous day, and had shown no signs of illness whatever. In consequence of sinister rumours, a *post mortem* was made, and an inquest was held to-day. Evidence was given that deceased took drink at Clonroe and threw a bun at his mother because she would not fetch a porter for him, after he had gone to bed, cutting her on the face. For the same reason he cut his nephew across the head with a pair of tongs. Dr. Faris deposed that death was due to heart disease and that there were no marks of violence on the body.

The jury found a verdict to this effect, which Mr. Clancy said, would relieve the public mind after the rumours.

LIMERICK PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the Committee of this Society was held on Tuesday. Rev. Chancellor Gabbett, Chairman.

MEMORIALS.

Two children were re-admitted, subject to medical inspection.

It was reported that the boy who recently passed Civil Service Examination has received an appointment to a London Savings Bank.

Rev. Chancellor Gabbett informed the Committee that he received £2 from residents in America some of whose relatives were formerly under the care of this Society, as a donation to its funds.

A special Report from one of the Locations was considered.

The deaths in France in the year 1900 exceeded the births by 25,988, whereas in 189 the births showed a surplus of 31,394. Foreign immigration prevents a positive decrease of the population.

The Southwark Guardians yesterday accepted the resignation of a carpenter at their infirmary who, according to the chairman of the board gave notice because one of his superior officers refused to wish him "Good morning."

A pleasant pastime for winter evenings is the making of Lantern Slides from your negatives taken during the summer. All the accessories and materials may be had from Laird's Photographic Depot, 118 George street.—ADVT.