

shortening the latter by transferring our principal base from the Cape to Natal. Concurrently with the rapid shrinkage of the enemy's forces, more activity, or, at all events, better results, are apparent on the part of our attacking columns. This is especially the case in Cape and Orange River Colonies, where the recent operations against Scheepers's commando and ex-President Steyn have been attended with a large measure of success. The capture of the State papers referred to will no doubt furnish Lord Kitchener with valuable information which will enable him to lay his plans with greater accuracy henceforward, and so add steadily to the successes we have recently achieved.

WOMEN'S MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

Lady Cleve, who has been nominated by the Countess Cadogan to organise the fund in the city of Limerick in connection with the "Women's Memorial to Queen Victoria" has issued invitations to the ladies of the city to attend a meeting to be held in the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday next, 23rd July, at 4 o'clock.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN RUSSELL, J.P.

We regret to announce the death which occurred yesterday at his residence, Glonview, Ballyneety, of Mr John Russell, J.P. He had been ailing for a couple of months. His death was not unexpected. Mr Russell was a gentleman of a most courteous and unassuming manner, and was held in the highest regard and esteem by all classes and creeds in the district. His death is universally regretted, and great sympathy is felt with Mr Russell's family in their bereavement. Mr. Russell had been for many years an *ex-officio* Guardian of the Limerick Union; a member of the County Grand Jury, and of the Limerick Diocesan Synod. The funeral will take place at 12 o'clock on Monday next.

STONES THROWN AT A TRAIN.

At the Ennis Petty Sessions yesterday before Mr. P. J. Linnane, the West Clare Railway Company had John Slattery, Terence and Peter Reidy, all young lads of Ennis, summoned for throwing stones at one of their trains on Sunday, June 23rd.

Mr. F. F. Cullinan, solr., appeared for the complainants.

Constable Greene, who is Railway Detective at Ennis Station, said that he saw the defendants flinging stones and mud at the train as it passed under the Railway Bridge. He followed and

then would justify the dismissal of a servant on the spot, without notice and without wages.

A LONG WALK.

A long walk has just been completed by a middle-aged working man named Samuel Knights, senior. Starting from Cottenham Cambs, just over two years since, he returned to the village, having in the time stated walked 2,365 miles. Knights evidently holds with Bulwer-Lytton that the road to health is the footpath.

A KEEN SMELL.

Dr. Hove, the geologist, relates some interesting facts about the remarkable purity of the air in the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, showing the peculiar effect it has on the olfactory nerves if breathed for a few hours. The doctor remained in the cave the whole of one day, and, upon emerging, found that his perception of smell had increased to such an extent that he could detect a distinct odour from every tree, animal, and man. This is accounted for by the absence of anything in the cave to stimulate the nerves, the nose having complete rest, and thus becoming super-sensitive to outside influence.

PEOPLE'S PARK.

The report of the special Committee appointed to inspect the People's Park was brought forward at the Committee meeting on Wednesday night. The Committee while appreciating the difficulties of the gardener and under gardener in exercising sufficient supervision over the Park, considered that if these officials worked more in harmony a great deal of injury could be prevented. The following recommendation was made—"That extra bars be fixed, wherever required, to prevent boys getting through the railings; that boys attempting to go through the railings be prosecuted." The caretakers were called before the meeting, and the report having been read to them, both promised to do their best to carry the recommendations into effect.

THE LATE MR. W. F. O'GRADY, J.P.

At the City Petty Sessions yesterday, the custody cases having been disposed of,

Mr. Hickson, R.M., who presided, said it was the desire of his brother magistrates (Messrs. Guinane and Hall) to adjourn the court as a mark of respect to the memory of their late colleague, Mr. William F. O'Grady.

Mr. Ryan, solicitor, said he desired on behalf of the profession to express their deep regret at Mr. O'Grady's death. He had known him for many years both as a magistrate and a private gentleman, and in his former capacity he had always extended the utmost courtesy to the legal profession, while as a private gentleman his qualities could not be surpassed.

Mr. Moran, solicitor, desired to join in the expression of sympathy and regret. He knew Mr. O'Grady since school days, and the friendship

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