

all to notice the ice-cream and guinea-pigs, and may possibly kill children. Of ice-cream taken in London, 18 were poisonous. An injection of the ice-cream-pigs and mice almost invariably within 24 hours.

#### AN ABORTIVE LOCAL TRUST.

The firm action of the Chairman of the Ardians for a month past in declining to raise straw at quotations of £2 per ton, led that price excessive, and that there was in the district to keep the tariff up, it seemed that prices have come down to that price the tenders were accepted on.

When the tenders were opened, the auctioneer suggested that he ought to get a monial. But he certainly deserves the he overburdened ratepayers, and no doubt so.

#### THE BICYCLE'S RIVAL.

motor cycle oust the ordinary bicycle? question that is very often asked in these days. Some aver that the motor is a passing fad from being trustworthy or reliable. But in a few years' hence the motor will be so much in evidence, that the ordinary bicycle will be a scarce commodity, just the ordinary bicycle was supplanted by the motor here is an undoubted element of truth in it. It is a pleasant sensation to go skimming roads, without effort, on a motor bicycle. It is a pleasure all its own. To be able to drive at your will and wish, to have the power of your mercy, so to speak, to make long trips at top speed, that is where the seductiveness of the motor cycle comes in.

#### ROBERT BARR ON UNKNOWN AUTHORS.

regularly issued, announcing the acquiring of a new work by Mr. Robert Barr, one of its orators, the author says:—"A popular contrived asset, even though he be in reality a syllable of that word. I hope to pre-empt the 'Idler' articles and stories by Mr. Dick Jones and Henry Robinson, when the distinguished writers trace up and let me have from their talented pen, worth printing. I don't care a rap for a great name, and I print a good story by the unknown Polly Paddington than a poor yarn from the General of Berlin. If this increases the irritant across the Rhine, I cannot help it. The truth is the Hohenzollern Dynasty is an announcement need not cast a gloom over the famous. I am quite willing to accept of a noted man or woman, if it happens to me." It is to be hoped that this bar will be shared with all the Tom, Dick, or Harrys. One they can write, or the new editor's task most unenviable one.

#### A THOUSAND POUNDS A PATIENT.

the local society for Prevention of Scurvy at Newcastle has approved a scheme for building a sanatorium for Newcastle and the island. The building is to accommodate 25, and will cost £50,000.

#### NEW FISH INDUSTRY.

flour" is the dried and pulverised flesh of a fish. It is very nourishing and easily eaten. Other countries which have a surplus of fish might well make the surplus into

#### THE KING AND A LOYAL WIDOW.

King has sent a donation of £3 to an aged Mrs. Ann Thompson, of Maghera, Randalstown, Antrim, who is noted in the district for her piety. In her humble home she keeps a portrait of Queen Victoria, and only friends are permitted to see the picture. When she ascended the throne she bought a special dress for the Coronation day, and when the day was postponed she carefully laid it away, saying if the King was never crowned she would never be worn. When the Coronation day came Mrs. Thompson wore her dress at the ceremony. On the facts being made known to her she ordered the sum mentioned to be sent to her subject.

#### JUPITER PLUVIUS IN ABBEYS.

the districts, save one, of the British Isles all for the first nine months of the year has not met the average, the deficiency in many places being large. Scotland North, East, and West, and in the 4th and 10th. In England

15 years of age, was driving a horse and cart through an archway leading from the premises of Mr. James Faulkner, J.P., when the horse gave a start and he fell back, coming between the wall and the axle of the cart. Death was instantaneous.

Kilrush District Council, in consequence of a report from the Local Government Board that the Labourers' Act Scheme as at present was entirely inadequate, decided on Saturday to instruct their solicitor to take the necessary steps to put a scheme in execution as recommended by the Inspector.

Harvest prospects in the Ennis district must be pronounced on the whole up to a very fair average. Oats good, straw rather short, barley little grown but satisfactory, potatoes plentiful and a good yield. Green crops are very fair, manigolds, turnips, etc., turning out well all round.

The inhabitants of the Islands of Arran were not a little surprised a few days ago, when they observed, as they believed, millions of herrings floating in the air. Never having seen anything of a similar nature before, many of them imagined the end of the world was at hand. It was a mirage.

## FINES ON JURORS.

### LOST HIS TRAIN.

At the Quarter Sessions to-day, before his Honor Judge Adams,

Mr. P. E. O'Donnell, on behalf of Mr. Daniel Cagney, who resides near Croom, applied to have remitted a fine of £2 imposed by his Honor on Friday on absent jurors. Mr. O'Donnell said his client had left his house to catch the train for Limerick, but whether it was that his clock was slow or the train punctual, he lost it.

His Honor said there had been a serious failure on account of the scarcity of jurors in one case. There were only twelve present, one of them dissented from a finding, and the result was that a man who should have been committed to the Inebriates' Home was roaming round the country. His Honor remitted the fine.

## DROWNING ACCIDENT.

A sad drowning accident occurred on Sunday night at the Quays, between Lower Cecil street and Russell's lane. The victim was a man named John Galvin, aged 54, carpenter, residing at Maugret, who would appear to have left his home on Sunday morning and come into town. How the unfortunate man got into the water is not absolutely known, as the drowning was not witnessed by anyone. A scream was heard, but nothing more. The facts, so far as they have been ascertained by the police, were detailed at the inquest held at the City Courthouse at six o'clock last evening by Mr. Coroner DeCourcey and a jury.

Head Constable Webster appeared on behalf of the police.

A verdict of accidental drowning was returned.

## RAINFALL FOR SEPT., 1902.

### AT ROXBOROUGH, LIMERICK.

1st	... 02	12th	... 02	22nd	... 21
2nd	... 70	13th	... 02	23rd	... 07
3rd	... 02	14th	... 04	24th	... 04
4th	... 02	15th	... 15	25th	... 01
5th	... 02	16th	... 03	26th	... —
6th	... 49	17th	... —	27th	... —
7th	... 01	18th	... 01	28th	... —
8th	... —	19th	... 02	29th	... —
9th	... 02	20th	... 02	30th	... —
10th	... 03	21st	... 03	31st	... —
11th	... —				
Total	...	...	...	...	1.96
Maximum	...	...	...	...	70 on 2nd.
No. of days on which rain fell	...	...	...	...	20
Total rainfall for year so far	...	...	...	...	22.39

great success. Last year was looked on as a record in point of entries, but it is very gratifying to state that as compared with twelve months ago, the entries now are twenty-one in excess. The Directors have appointed Dr. Mulcahy as honorary M.D., and Mr. O. D. Coll, V.S., as honorary Veterinary Surgeon, and henceforward these gentlemen will be in attendance at Greenpark to attend to any cases of accident that may arise.

## THE LAND CONFERENCE.

Writing to Captain Shawe-Taylor, who asked his opinion on the value of a conference between landowners and occupiers, Lord Dunraven says—Under two conditions, which appear to me essential, such a Conference would, I think, be productive of beneficial results. These two conditions are:—

1st—Mutual agreement on the part of the members on certain fundamental propositions relating to principles.

2nd—Honest mutual determination to efface all personal feelings and objects in an effort to arrive at a working agreement on details.

After detailing the propositions, his Lordship says:—My conception of the functions of such a Conference is perhaps smaller than that entertained by others. Its decisions could not be held binding or even authoritative beyond the weight naturally attached to the opinions of its members unless it were a Convention of elected delegates, and that, I think, has not been contemplated.

If no conclusions were arrived at by the Conference it would be a case of "as you were." I cannot see how the interests of either party would be prejudiced thereby. If conclusions were arrived at they would, at any rate, indicate a course of action which would probably recommend itself to both parties, and if the scheme became generally accepted the onus of denying a settlement would be upon the State.

## LIMERICK CHESS CLUB.

The sixteenth annual general meeting of the above club was held in the George Hotel last night at eight o'clock, Mr. Belshaw presiding. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Mr. R. T. Levery was elected President. The following Committee were then elected—Messrs N. A. Brophy, Geo. Belshaw, S. M. Darragh, with the President and officers; Mr. E. G. Fitt, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. B. Barrington, Hon. Sec.

During the year a handicap match was played (18 entrants). Mr. N. A. Brophy won first prize, a handsome set of Staunton men and board, Mr. S. M. Darragh winning second prize, "Chess Bouquet," a book on problems. The club meets every Monday evening in the George Hotel at 8 o'clock. Any gentleman wishing to join should send in his name to the President or any member of the Committee. The annual subscription is 5s. One of the Committee is appointed each Monday to instruct younger members in the game.

We are glad to see that there is in Limerick a large number of votaries of the Royal game, and hope to hear in the near future of their challenging one or other of the many clubs in Ireland, thus giving chess its proper place as a highly intellectual and pleasant pastime. Last evening a consultation game was played, three aside—White: Messrs Brophy, Fitt, and Sullivan; Black: Messrs Barrington, Belshaw, and Levery—which stands adjourned to next Monday evening, when it is hoped as many members as possible will be present.

## RATHKEALE LICENSES.

### THE ALLEGED BOYCOTT.