

January begins each year on the same day. September and December begin on 1st. February, March, and November have a birthday. May, June, and August begin on different days from each other. The first and the last day of the year are the same. Every day of the week is associated with some race. Monday is the "day of the Lord" with the Greeks, and Tuesday with the Persians, Wednesday with the Assyrians, Friday with the Egyptians, and Saturday with the Jews.

STRANGE TENDERING.

Instances of tendering have been exceptional of late. The "City Press" has the latest example. Tenders were invited by the Metropolitan Asylums Board for the purchase of a certain dust destructor. The estimate was £210, the highest tender was £1,250, and the lowest was for the 10s.

THE TRADE OF 1902.

The indications of the growing trade of 1902 are in evidence. During 1902 the Great Railway Company's exchequer has been largely increased. Unquestionably the railway has contributed largely to this increase after the exhibition closed its gates, and merchandise receipts continued to advance upon the last two months of the year.

DESERT JOURNALISM.

It is known, there is but one newspaper published below the level of the sea. This is "The Indio Submarine," or, as it is also known, "The Coachella Submarine." The little four-page weekly, which does not have a particularly prepossessing appearance, circulates. The desert does not present the facilities for journalism, as one might expect from the paper itself will suggest, "The Indio Submarine" is situated in the midst of the formidable deserts of the United States, a Colorado Desert of California.

THE NAVIES OF THE WORLD.

Over a hundred millions sterling are spent annually on the navies of the world. The leading world spends half as much on its navy as all Europe put together. England is in the way with £28,478,843, and the United States coming second with £13,385,574. Russia has a naval expenditure of over twelve millions, Germany of a half millions. Italy's navy costs more than five millions, Japan's just over four millions, and Austria-Hungary's the smallest sum of £1,644,437.

THE LATEST IN INSURANCE.

It is hardly anything that one cannot get

A special meeting of the Improvement Scheme Committee is to be held this evening in order to consider the Draft deed of conveyance of the Nicholas street area to the Artisans' Dwellings Company. It is expected that building operations will commence immediately, and so afford much needed employment.

The very small, but beautiful, and ancient Cathedral of Clonfert has been recently enriched by some very valuable gifts, one a handsome carved oak chancel chair, presented by Miss Porter, of Belle Isle, the other a very beautiful brass eagle lectern, presented by the descendants of Bishop Hamilton. The lectern bears the following inscription:—"Gloria in excelsis Deo. In memory of Hugh Hamilton, D.D., F.R.S., Bishop of Clonfert, 1796, of Ossory, 1798. His descendants gave this lectern, 1902."

ORDINATION AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

To-day being the Feast of the Epiphany the Lord Bishop of Limerick held an Ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral, when Mr. C. V. Rooke, B.A., T.C.D., was admitted to the Order of Deacon (Curacy of Tralee). The following were ordained Priests—Rev. J. Gordan, B.A. (Kenmare); Rev. W. H. Brown, B.A. (St. Michael's, Limerick); and the Rev. C. E. Thompson, B.A. (Trinity and St. Lawrence). There was a shortened form of morning service, including the Venite; the 30th psalm; one lesson, followed by the Jubilate (Stewart in G). After the 3rd collect, the hymn "The Church is one foundation," was sung. Mr. F. Muspratt presided at the organ. The officiating clergy were the Rev. J. T. Waller, M.A.; Rev. C. W. Archdall, and the Rev. H. Orpen. The sermon was preached by the Rev. S. J. Hackett, M.A., Rector of Askeaton, County Limerick.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.

A very sad drowning accident took place at Killaloe on Saturday evening. It would appear that William Shinner, of Clare-street, who was employed on one of the canal steamers, in attempting to hook an empty barrel that had rolled over the side, fell into the water and was drowned before aid could be forthcoming. The sad accident has caused widespread regret in Killaloe and Limerick, where poor Shinner was well known and respected. The body has been recovered. Deceased leaves a widow and six children to mourn his loss.

THE CITY WINDOW SMASHING.

ACCUSED RETURNED FOR TRIAL.

Yesterday before Mr. Hickson, R.M. depositions were taken in the case of two men named Michael Leo and Thomas Leamy, his son-in-law, who were charged with having broken a plate glass window at Sir Thomas Lipton's establishment, George Street.

Head Constable Webster prosecuted. Leamy was represented by Mr. Counihan.

The evidence of Mr. Sheehy, Manager for the firm, was to the effect that on Christmas Eve Leo entered the premises and demanded provisions for

take the chair. Mr. Downey is on the ground that the President was presumed to be a good-natured banter his objection ruled on the plea that he was seated. The chair being duly filled, the sect Myles, apologised, at their request the absence of several friends. He next those who were interested in the proceedings. The Chairman then presented the Creswell, and in the course of his speech that on a similar occasion a good man he was himself a recipient, and without fear of contradiction the present then received is the most valued of his house, and he was sure Mr. Creswell to night ran on parallel lines.

Mr. Creswell having suitably meeting closed with the members present him God speed.

The presentation consisted of a pair of gold cuff links, engraved with Cresswell's initials, and were supplied by Cromer, jeweller, George-street.

AGRICULTURE & TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

CO. CLARE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the County Clare County held at the Courthouse yesterday, Mr. McRedmond presiding. There were present—Rev. P. Bourke, President Diocese; Rev. Brother Kerrigan, Messrs. J.P.; M. Mescall, J.P., and P. Co.C.

The Department wrote offering Mr. James Duncan, lecturer on agriculture at the Cork Exhibition, conditional on the paying his expenses and all local expenses.

The Chairman said this was what he had been looking for a long time, and it was accepted the offer.

A letter was read from Mr. McGilchrist to the Lisdoonvarna Local Committee the sending of a practical instructor to the Burren who would visit the Burren report on the soil and situation etc., there.

The Committee approved of the proposal to communicate with the Department on TECHNICAL BUSINESS.

The Committee then dealt with technical matters, mostly of detail.

A time table of suggested hours of Ennis, Ennistymon, and Killaloe proved.

KILRUSH QUARTER SESSIONS.

At noon, yesterday, at the Courthouse His Honor Judge Carton, K.C., presided at the Quarter Sessions for the Hiliary term.

The Bar was represented by Mr. I. Mr. Harry Crowe, Mr. MacNan, Mr. Comyn, Mr. P. Lynch.

The Solicitors in attendance were Mr. R. Hilliard, Thomas Kelly, Thos. C. Pilkington, F. F. Cullin, M. McFadyly, LL.B.'s.; F. G. Kerin, John C. Mr. J. Cullinan, S.C.S.

ANTI-TREATING JUDGE.

Mary Anne Kelleher sued a man for £8 6s 11d, goods sold and delivered. Mr. R. Hilliard, solicitor, represented the plaintiff.

His Honor after inspection of the