

#### STRENGTH OF THE ARMY.

A parliamentary paper was issued last night containing the general annual report on the British Army for 1902. From this it appears that the total normal establishment is 936,450, the actual strength 747,719, wanting to complete 188,731.

#### WHAT THE RUSH WAS FOR.

There has been a great rush of underwriters (says *The Syren*) to participate in the salvage which the Secretary of Lloyd's advertised to have been made in respect of the s.s. Lord Kelvin. The value of the cargo salvaged, which consisted of liquid ammonia, was 4s. 3d.!

#### SARCASTIC.

A school for deaf boys was opened at Anerley on Thursday. A sarcastic correspondent says it is believed that there is a brilliant career open for some of these bright young fellows in the police force, Post Office, and other Government situations.

#### NOT A BAD "AD."

The following from a country contemporary is worth quotation:—On Tuesday morning, May 12, some bullocks belonging to Mr. —, farmer, were passing down — street, when they got out of control, and one backed into the large plate window of Messrs —, drapers, etc., smashing the windows completely. Within an hour a smart advertisement, was in print and on the shop hoarding, viz: "Even the cattle know where to find the best boots. If you do not see just what you want, do as they did, walk inside."

#### HAY BURNING.

Depositions were taken to-day before Mr. Hickson, R.M., in the case of Patrick Guinane labourer, who is charged with setting fire to a rick of hay the property of John MacMahon, farmer, Caherdavin. Mr. O'Hara, D.L., prosecuted and after completing the depositions Mr. Hickson returned the accused for trial to the Quarter Sessions.

#### INDUSTRIAL REVIVAL.

A public meeting for the purpose of following the Industrial Revival movement will be held in the Athenaeum on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The committee have invited the Mayor and members of the corporation and others interested are also expected to attend.

#### R. I. C. BIKES.

Mr. James O'Connor has placed on the paper a curious question. He asks the number of members of the R.I.C. who are provided with bicycles, whether these are the personal property of the members who use them, and if the Chief Secretary can say how many of the bicycles are of Irish manufacture.

Nicholson, although suffering from a slight cold, sang admirably, and the duet with Miss Quaid was excellently contributed. The audience were glad to have the opportunity once more of welcoming Mr. M. Enright, who sang effectively in his own agreeable style. The dance of Miss Lena Downey and Master McDonnell was performed very gracefully. Mr. Ralph Nash received quite an ovation, and Miss O'Brien was heard to the utmost advantage, responding to a unanimous encore. Mr. McGrath played some violin pieces excellently, and gramophone selections were also given. The audience was large and appreciative, and must have been fully satisfied with the programme.

#### VALOROUS McBRIDE.

#### A DUEL A LA OUTRANCE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Major McBride, referring to the regrets expressed that his wife could not be expelled from the Rotunda meeting in Dublin recently, hints that he should be most happy to afford satisfaction in France.

#### UNITED STATES AND CUBA.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Havana, Friday.

A permanent treaty between the United States and Cuba has been signed. Amongst other things it provides that the United States shall be entitled to interfere for the preservation of independence of the republic.

#### CRESCENT COLLEGE SPORTS AND FIREWORKS.

We are pleased to note that this event is to come off next Wednesday, 27th inst., in the Crescent College cricket ground, Richmond, South Circular Road. The items announced bid fair to equal, if not to surpass, the splendid displays of previous years. We look forward with special interest to the magnificent exhibition of fireworks to be provided by the celebrated Pyrotechnists, Messrs Brock and Co., Crystal Palace, London. The proceeds of the whole celebration are to be handed over to the funds of the Colleen Bawn Fete.

#### FATAL BURNING ACCIDENT AT PALLASKENRY.

Last night an old woman named Sarah Hanley, aged about 80 years, and residing alone, was found in a very helpless condition, lying across the fire with her clothes on fire. She was burned almost beyond recognition, and died in a few moments, before medical aid could be summoned.

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