

There was a demonstration in support of the direct labour movement at the Clare County Council yesterday. A large body of the labourers numbering over a hundred, were joined by a big contingent from the Newmarket-on-Fergus district, and marched two abreast to the Courthouse, where their ranks were swelled by a crowd from Tulla. A number of them succeeded in getting into the Council Chamber, but the majority owing to the exertions of the Constabulary and the Council officials were kept in the outer corridors, while the Council meeting was in progress.

The tenders for road maintenance, which were on the agenda, were mostly from the Ennis district, and in the majority of these, the tendering parties did not answer their names. In half a dozen cases, however, there were responses, and the parties, notwithstanding the opposition of the labour element, who jeered and hooted, signed their bonds.

A remark from one contractor, a man named Killoughery, directed against Mr. Mat Kelly, led to a very angry scene, and Mr. Kelly also attacked the Chairman for his action in the chair.

The Chairman (Mr. Blackall) said he would not notice Mr. Kelly's remarks, "whose insults he took as compliments."

A prominent District Councillor was expelled from the room by the police during the heated discussion.

DEATH OF MRS. R. HAYES, RATHKEALE.

The death of the above deeply lamented lady took place on Sunday last, after a long and patient illness. Deceased was mother of the Rev. M. Hayes, C.C., St. John's, Limerick.

THE HUMBERTS' FATE.

The Humbert's trial concluded in Paris on Saturday. The Court found all the prisoners guilty of fraud. Madame and Frederic Humbert were sentenced to five years' solitary confinement each and a fine of one hundred francs. Robert d'Aurignac was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, and Emma d'Aurignac to two years' imprisonment. It is not yet known whether the prisoners will appeal.

DEATH OF MR. R. HARNETT.

At the meeting of the Newcastle West Town Commissioners on Saturday, Mr. M'Donnell said that a very old neighbour and a most respectable townsman, Mr. Richard Harnett was dead, and it was only right they should pass a vote of condolence.

The Chairman said he would second it. They all knew Mr. Harnett to be a most honorable and respected man, and they sympathised with his family in their loss.

The resolution was carried, and the clerk was instructed to convey it to the relatives.

At the Newcastle West Town Tenants' League and at the meeting of the United Irish League similar resolutions of sympathy with the members of Mr. Harnett's family were passed.

**"The only pebble
on the beach," that's so, old
man, there's nothing like it
this hot weather. Two small**

and the defence of Cabanatuan, also the operations in the Soudan in 1884, taking part in the battles of El Tib and Tamai. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1900. Colonel MacNamara, who several years ago was in charge of the South of Ireland district, is brother of Mr. Denis F. MacNamara, and Mr. Robert MacNamara, solr., Limerick, and his many friends in this city will be glad to learn of the distinguished officer's further advancement.

SUDDEN DEATH AT RATHKEALE.

On Saturday evening an inquest was held in the licensed premises of Mr. Patrick Butler, Main Street, Rathkeale, by Drs. T. Magner, and T. Sheehy, J.P. (in the absence of Dr. T. H. Hannigan, Coroner) touching the death of a respectable old man named Peter Sheehy, who was found dead on the previous day in the above mentioned premises, where he had been lodging for some time. Dr. Hayes having given evidence that the cause of death was heart disease, a verdict in accordance with same was returned. Sergeant O'Leary and Acting Sergeant Gaffney represented the Constabulary authorities. The interment of deceased took place on Sunday in the new cemetery, Rathkeale. The Very Rev. M. O'Donnell, P.P., V.F., and Rev. J. Murphy, C.C., officiated at the graveside.

OUTSIDE OPINIONS.

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[This column being open to all, we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions it expresses.]

THE SWIVEL BRIDGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR—Kindly admit a few remarks as supplementary to the proposal on the above subject, which is now under crucial, or at least critical discussion. An unswinging permanent metal bridge, though not so durable as a stone one, might supplant the existing perishable wooden structure. Multitudes of such are in use, spanning many rivers, or portions of them, in various parts of the three kingdoms, admitting under arches of ordinary elevation steam tugs and passenger boats, the funnels of which are by their mechanical construction instantly lowered when passing. And, surely, the masts of turfboats could be as readily manageable. As part of the revenue of the Harbour Board, of course, tolls should be levied proportionate to the size of each craft and the magnitude of its cargo. In the manner suggested a *modus vivendi*, in the matter, for the Kilrush Urban Council, the West Clare boatmen, and their honorary advocate, "Liberty," might receive adequate satisfaction, and—what is even more important—the great thoroughfare or viaduct over the regal Shannon should be eased of all impediments.

Faithfully yours,

VIATOR.

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