

"We have received a private report from Cape-town, which may be relied upon, that affairs in the Transvaal are not so rosy as the mendacious English telegrams would make one believe. The mining king, De Beers, has poisoned himself. Attempts have been made to shoot Lord Milner and Mr. Chamberlain. The majority of the Boer Generals are in South Africa, and war may shortly break out again."

DEATH OF SIR CHARLES GAVAN DUFFY.

The "Daily Mail's" Nice correspondent telegraphs that Sir Charles Gavan Duffy died there last night, at the age of 86, after a four days' illness.

CLARE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of Clare Asylum was held yesterday. Most Rev. Dr. McRedmond, Bishop of Killaloe (Chairman), presided. There were also present—Rev. A. Clancy, P.P., Messrs. M. Hogan, J.P., The O'Donnellan Blake Forster, J.P., J. Lynch, J.P., P. E. Moloney, Patrick Lynch, Francis Daniel O'Leighen.

STATE OF THE INSTITUTION.

Admitted since last meeting, 5 males, 6 females; died, 1 female; discharged, 4 males, 3 females; remaining in the house, 203 males, 189 females. Extent of accommodation, 200 males, 180 females. In Ennis Workhouse Lunatic Wards, 5 males. Under Medical treatment, 2 males, 4 females; under Surgical treatment, 1 male, 2 females.

MONTHLY REPORT.

In his monthly report Dr. O'Mara said the health of the inmates was good, and the general state of the house satisfactory.

THE TEA CONTRACT.

The Clerk submitted the report of the Tea Tester on the samples of tea sent him. There had been 27 samples received, one of which was informal, and he had placed Nos. 3, 9, and 23 as first, second, and third, in order of merit. Out of 27 samples of tea tested, the first on the list was Mr. John Madigan, Ennistymon, the second was Mr. Denis McKenna, Tulla, and the third was Mr. M. Garry, Ennis. Selection adjourned till next meeting.

ASYLUM MAINTENANCE.

The Clerk submitted his estimate for the maintenance of the house for the coming year. The amount was £9,211 18s 4d. of which £5,200 would be leviable off the county, and the balance contributable by the Treasury.

Mr. Hogan—That represents a rate of fourpence in the £.

POTATOE SUPPLY.

For the supply of best eating potatoes there were two tenders, and that of Michael Hayes, Gort, at 5d. was accepted, being threefarthings the lowest.

NOT GRANTED.

The O'Donnellan Blake Forster moved the resolution standing in his name, that Mr. Thomas Duggan, storekeeper, be granted the usual good service allowance, having completed eight years' service in the Institution.

There was no seconder, and the motion fell through.

A letter was read from Lodgekeeper John Merryman, regretting that owing to continued ill-health he was obliged to apply for a superannuation allowance. He detailed his duties, sent in testimonials, and trusted that his 35 years' service entitled him to the fullest retiring allowance.

Mr. Lynch, J.P., gave notice of motion for the consideration of the application at their next meeting.

Attendant Michael O'Donoghue was granted 15s for his having done the duty of Head Attendant in addition to his ordinary duty, during the six weeks' illness of Head Attendant Leo.

A sum of £5 was voted.

DEATH OF MRS. KIGGELL.

We deeply regret to report the death of Mrs. Kiggell, wife of Major Launcelot Kiggell, Cahara Cottage, Glin, which sad event took place yesterday afternoon. The deceased lady who had attained a ripe age, had been ailing for some time. The late Mrs. Kiggell was a great benefactress to the poor of the town and district, and her loss will be keenly felt in many an humble home, where the generosity of herself and family often manifested itself. The people of all classes extend their sympathy to Major Kiggell and his family in their present bereavement.

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The value of fingers varies. At Hull a Jewish lad obtained £200 for the loss of three fingers while he was at work. At Westminster an engineer who lost one finger secured only £15.

Mr. Arthur Breton, an actor, who accidentally shot himself in the hand in sight of the audience on the stage at Sadler's Wells Theatre on Friday night, is progressing satisfactorily.

A collision occurred in the Medway yesterday between the London barque Bellevue and the Gunboat Firm, which was at her moorings. Bellevue sank, her crew being taken on board the Firm.

The Coal Miners Convention has accepted the operators' offer of an increase in wages, averaging 12½ per cent., to miners in several States. It is admitted that the result is a victory for the men.

In a fight at McDonald, Georgia, on Sunday, between two whites and a crowd of negroes two of the latter were killed, one was mortally wounded, and eight others were seriously injured, including three women.

It is now definitely stated that the late Crown Princess of Saxony, who appears to have been deserted by the French tutor, Giron, will not be permitted to visit her children, and an application to see one child, who is ill, has been rejected by the Court.

The "Hairdressers' Weekly Journal" vouches for the remarkable length of hair of a Bristol lady. It is 72in., eight inches longer than the lady's height. She wears it plaited and closely twined round her head, so that its length is concealed from the casual observer.

With reference to rumours that there have been revolutionary troubles in Salvador, the Salvador Chamber of Commerce in London informed Reuter's Agency that it has received a cablegram from the Vice-President of the Republic that peace prevails and everybody is now occupied with shipping the coffee crop.

HOCKEY.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

IRELAND V. WALES.

As will be seen by our advertisement columns seats for this the first international played in the South of Ireland can now be obtained at Messrs Guy's. Seating accommodation will be reserved for 900 spectators, and although the building has been only open a few days, several hundred have been already taken. By kind permission of the Colonel and Officers the splendid band of the King's Regiment will attend and play a selection previous to the match. The team to represent Ireland was selected on Saturday by the selecting Five at the Grosvenor Hotel. The Five are composed as follows:—H. Tyrer (Leinster), H. Edwardes (Leinster), H. Ridgway (Munster), H. Moore (Ulster), and Goulding (Connaught). The team selected is as follows:—

Goal—Bruce-Douglas (Royal Hibernians and Leinster).

Right full-back—J. Peterson (Palmerston and Leinster).

Left full-back—Walter Peterson (Palmerston and Leinster).

Right half-back—T. C. D. Harrison (Dundrum and Leinster).

Centre half-back—R. F. M. Clifford (Navan and Leinster).

Left half-back—C. Davis (Waterford and Munster).

FORWARDS.

Outside Right—P. Carton (Three Rock and Leinster).

Inside Right—D. L. Dunlop (Dublin University and Leinster).

Centre—C. Peterson (Palmerston and Leinster).

Inside Left—W. Peterson (Palmerston and Leinster).

Outside Left—E. Gotto (Ulster).

FIXTURES.

Wednesday, 11th—Limerick County v. Post Office (Senior League), County grounds at 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, 12th—King's Regiment v. Worcester Regiment, County grounds at 2.45 p.m.

On conclusion of this match the usual mixed practice will be held.

Mr. Balfour was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day.

TRAFFICS.

Increase, Highland, £1,202.

Decrease, Great North of Scotland, £107.

A NOTORIOUS HORSE STEALER.

William Butcher, described by the police as belonging to a gang of notorious horse stealers, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for feloniously receiving a stolen mare.

DIVORCE COURT.

In the Divorce Court to-day, Mr. Joseph Bertie Attwood, of Dover, a Lieutenant and Quartermaster in the Army, was granted a decree *Nisi*, because of the misconduct of his wife.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Madrid Tuesday.

Tangier advices state the Pretender has received advices from the Taharan Frontier.

Melilla, Monday.

The Benisca Kabyle tribe has submitted to the Sultan.

STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The Press Association says it has been determined that the Court institution of the Royal procession for the occasion of the State opening of Parliament shall be exactly as on the last occasion. The King and Queen will use the State coach, drawn by eight creams, and there will be four other carriages, each drawn by six bays, and one drawn by blacks. The Yeomen of the Guard will add a touch of colour and quaintness to the ceremony, and the Household Cavalry will furnish a field officer's escort. Two mounted equeuries will ride beside the State coach.

COUNTY HIGH SHERIFF AND GAELIC LEAGUE.

A meeting of the St. Mary's Limerick Branch of the Gaelic League was held last evening for the purpose of considering, amongst other matters, the refusal of the County High Sheriff, Mr. Clennel Massy Drew, to give the use of the County Courthouse for a Concert under the auspices of the branch. It appears that the ground of the High Sheriff's refusal was that the entertainment was being held on a Sunday night. The League now decided to write to the County Council calling their attention to the matter and asking them to give the use of the Courthouse for the entertainment.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM SHEEHAN.

Sincere regret is felt by a wide circle of friends at the death of Mrs. Sheehan, widow of the late Mr. William Sheehan, which took place at her residence on Sunday morning. The deceased lady, who had attained the advanced age of 76 years, was mother of Mr. Joseph Sheehan, a well known and talented vocalist. She had a large connection of relatives and friends in city and county, and her practical sympathy with the poor and distressed was ever characteristic of her during her long life. The funeral, which took place this afternoon for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was largely attended.

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