

This is a very good "record" indeed, and proves that the citizens are as of yore, anxious to assist in a generous and practical way a most deserving institution such as that under notice. From a social point of view too, it is gratifying to learn that the ball was one of the most enjoyable functions held in the city this season.

A VANISHED FESTIVAL.

One of the most striking and characteristic features of the Paris carnival will never be seen again. The Opera masked ball, which had survived through generations of change, reflecting the predominant social love of them all, has disappeared. For years it has been seen to be languishing. The best society, which had always given the ball its distinctive savour, stayed more and more away, and after various futile efforts to coddle the occasion back to its old zest, it has been given up and abandoned as incurable.

A HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE MILES AN HOUR.

The Hoffman electric engine, of which, as already stated, the New York Central Railway Company are about to make tests, has only recently been perfected. Nine miles of clear line near Schnectady (New York) have been set apart for the trial, which will take place in a fortnight's time. It is expected that a speed of 135 miles an hour will be attained. If the test is successful, the New York Central will use electric engines for the motive power over that portion of their lines which runs through the city of New York.

A SINGULAR BET.

Two local preachers in Glamorgan were discussing the subject of prayer, when one (says the "Western Mail") offered to bet 10s. that he could pray for ten minutes better than the other.

TRAIN-PACKING.

One often sees over-crowded carriages on the occasion of railway excursions in connection with public meetings, sports, and the like. The situation is anything but comfortable, but it is evidently as common an experience—if, indeed, not commoner—in England as it is at this side of the Channel. For instance, a London newspaper has the following witty reference to the subject—"Train packing is becoming quite a fine art," was the comment of a modern philosopher on seeing thirty-two passengers in one compartment. The situation recalls Mr "Punch's" bank holiday picture, "Got to change 'ere 'ave we? Ho! then bring me a sardine-opener!"

COLD!

American papers to hand to-day say that the cold is fearfully intense, and extends all the way from Hell-gate to Newhaven. It *must* be cold!

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FAREWELL TO MR. H. ASHE.

Many of our readers will regret to hear of the impending departure from amongst us of an old and much respected tradesman and citizen, Mr. H. Ashe, printer, who has decided to take up his residence in South Africa. Mr. Ashe will leave Limerick on Thursday morning, taking with him, we are sure, the best wishes of all who knew him either in social or business life, for health and prosperity in the country of his adoption. To-morrow (Wednesday) night Mr. Ashe will be entertained to a farewell supper, promoted by the employes of the printing firm, with which he has been so long connected. The gathering will be held at Fox's Hotel, Thomas Street, at nine o'clock, and Mr. Ashe is sure of a hearty send off, and a genuine, enthusiastic "God Speed," in which we desire cordially and sincerely to join.

DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL GOGGIN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Michael Goggin, Thomondgate, which took place at his residence yesterday. The deceased young gentleman who was the only son of the late Mr. John Goggin, had only been ailing for the last three weeks, and his death was quite unexpected. Following so rapidly on his mother's death, the sad occurrence is all the more melancholy, and widespread sympathy is shared with his relatives in their sad bereavement. The late Mr. Goggin was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends. The funeral takes place to-morrow morning at 11.30 for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

MYSTERIOUS DROWNING CASE.

Intelligence has just reached Pallaskenry of a sad case of drowning which occurred about two miles from there. It appeared that at about 12 noon on yesterday a servant man in the employ of Mr. Stephen Dowling was driving a horse and cart along the Limerick road, and when passing at a place called Glenamede he noticed a hat laid on a wall separating two pools of water which are quite close to the road at this point. He got off the car and walked along the wall with the intention of getting the hat, when he saw the body apparently of a young girl, lying in about three feet of water with her face turned downwards. The police at Kildimo were apprised of the occurrence, and Constables Toolan and Whelton had the body removed. It was that of a girl about 25 years of age, and appeared to have been in the water for two days. She was dressed in a black jacket and tweed dress, and on the wall close to where the body was removed from the water was found a black sailor hat, a new umbrella and a pair of woollen gloves. In the pocket of her dress was also found two halfpenny stamps, two small keys, and two halfpence. Up to the time of writing the remains have not been identified, and the poor girl appears to be a complete stranger to this locality. The only motive that can be assigned for the sad deed is that the unfortunate girl drowned herself while suffering from a fit of insanity.

AN IMMENSE VESSEL

The steamer "Ruth" (Captain Milliesen) which is at present discharging a cargo of wheat from Karachi (India) for Messrs. Bannatyne and Sons was the object of much interest to visitors to the dock on Sunday last. She is an immense vessel and if not absolutely the largest which has

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