

the Court, now the residence of Lord Castle, of the room in which Elizabeth St. Leger, the wife of Lord Doneraile, was initiated as a Free-mason—the only lady Free-mason in the annals of the order. The lady Free-mason's granddaughter is the grandmother of Lord Grenfell.

THE DECADENCE OF MATRIMONY.

It appears that marriage is really going more out of fashion, so much so that a writer on the subject advocates the taxing of bachelors, and widowers as well, if they can prove their spinster-ism due to their unwillingness to enter the married state. It appears that nearly 2,000 fewer marriages took place last year than in the corresponding period a few decades ago, while there was a falling off in Easter marriages. There is no doubt that since so many openings have been made in women's work they do not rush into matrimony as they did years ago.

AWKWARD SPELLING.

If an S and an I and an O and a U,
With an X at the end, spell Su;
And an E and a Y and an E spell I,
Pray what is the speller to do?
Then, if also an S and an I and a G,
And an H E D spell side,
There's nothing much left for a speller to do
But to go and commit Siouxeysighed.

OH WHAT A HAPPY PLACE IS —

In Anglesey there are 35 parishes, containing only 7,000 inhabitants—and in Carnarvonshire 32 parishes, with a population of 3,500—without a public-house.

HARD ON THE BARRISTER.

There is a letter from a vinery proprietor to the manager of a large London lodginghouse. "I want a supply of two dozen smart grape thinners. Send as many University graduates and barristers as you can. These chaps are all jaw and no work."

THE CAT CAME BACK.

A cat belonging to Mr. Guthbert Brown, a surgeon, has accomplished a record work. Mr. Brown had recently removed from Bedlington, in Northumberland, to Chelmsford, taking the cat with him, but shortly afterwards she disappeared, and turned up at her old home, having walked the whole 300 miles. She was very emaciated, but when the door of the house was opened she entered and searched the room.

SIGNIFICANT.

The following is from the "agony" column of a yesterday's contemporary. Harriett—meet me outside the barrack, leave the pram at home"—Sam.

THE GUARDIANS' FAREWELL.

On bidding farewell to the Burnley Board of Guardians, of which he had long been a member, Mr. John Pollard, who is eighty-four years of age, took up "Auld Lang Syne." The other members bade him adieu heartily.

The sinking of the Russian battleship, *Petrovavlovsk*, is ascribed in St. Petersburg to the explosion of the cylindrical boilers.

DEATH OF A LIMERICK '67 MAN.

The death has taken place at his residence, Mountpelier Hill, Dublin, of Mr. Daniel Mullins, where he had resided for the past three years. Deceased had an eventful career. He was one of the Pope's Brigade, and was decorated with two medals—one from Pius IX. and the other from Leo XIII. He also took a prominent part in the '67 movement. He was one of the first members of the Arch-Confraternity, having joined in 1868. He received his jubilee badge in 1893. He was likewise a member of the Third Order of St. Francis in this city, and afterwards in Dublin. He will be best remembered in his capacity as sanitary sub-officer, and later on as caretaker of the Public Baths and the Island Bank.

THE TSAR'S FORTUNE.

A Russian diplomatist states that if Russia needs money the Tsar will lend her his private fortune of £80,000,000 without interest or security, to be paid at the convenience of the borrower.

JAPANESE TRANSPORTS.

Several reports have been received that a fleet of over 70 Japanese transports have been sighted heading for King Chau to the north of Port Arthur.

DEATH OF A TARBERT PRIEST.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Mr. William Fitzmaurice, Ballydonoghue Cottage, Tarbert, has received news of the death of his brother Rev. Edmond Fitzmaurice, P.P., Dunmore, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Deceased was one of four brothers, priests, one of whom is now Lord Bishop of Erie.

DEATH OF MRS. BROWNING.

We deeply regret to record the unexpected and very premature demise of a most popular and amiable lady, Mrs. Browning, wife of Major Thomas Browning, Limerick, and youngest daughter of the late Mr. Edward Hodges Goggin, of Burton Hill, Co. Clara. The very sad event took place on the 16th inst. in Dublin, after a brief illness. The funeral took place to-day from Cratloe station for interment at the family burial place at Meelick. The chief mourners were—Major Browning, husband; Miss Browning, sister-in-law; Mr. Goggin, Burton Hill; Mr. James McMahon, and Mr. Hewitt. Amongst the general public were—Sir Vincent Nash, Mr. R. Nash, Mr. J. Wallace, Mr. W. L. Stokes, J.P.; Mr. W. Christy, junior; Mr. J. DeCoursey, Clonlara; Mr. W. B. Fitt, etc.

Rev. J. T. Waller, Trinity Church, Limerick, officiated. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. P. McCarthy and Son.

KING'S LIVERPOOL REGIMENT.

The King's Liverpool Regiment will proceed

W. L. OWENS, BOOK

At the Markets enclosure Shannon defeated Lansdown five in the second tie for the

At Nenagh hay market, 17 hay sold at £5 10s. to £6 of land and callow from £3 10s

At the last meeting of Memorial Committee a resolution in favour of Ward Collector

Mr. P. E. Bourke, J.P., subscribed £3 to the fund in aid of raising a memorial to

Six sheep, the property of Mrs. Queen's street, Nenagh, destroyed by dogs on his farm.

The death of Sister Mary at the Presentation Convent, deceased is deeply lamented in religion.

Alderman Joyce, M.P., held in the Finsbury Town the auspices of the United Saturday night.

Mr. Thomas Freeman, so graphist at Clonmel Post, moved to the Postmaster's Meath.

Consequent on the agitators of the Jewish Community the local police force have taken protection.

The Quarter Sessions at Rathkeale were opened by Honor Judge Adams. The Crown case. Some interest heard.

A guinea subscription has purpose of presenting a Richard Bradley, manager of the National Bank. The Secretary, C.P.S.

At the meeting of the So Traders Association on Saturday to ask the banks to open their not later nine a.m., so that early trains.

The Limerick County Convention on Thursday-chairman; P. Vaughan, J. and D. Clancy.

A beautiful high altar, the Corbett, Nenagh, has just been placed in the church of the Rosary in considerably to the appearance of the edifice.

The Earl and Countess present living at Aldershot however, has taken Sir Charles in Gloucester Place in order couple may have a town residence.

In the Ennis Markets following prices were received: 62s. 6d. to 85s.; straw, 50s.; potatoes, per stone, 7d. to 8d.; butter, per firkin, 48s. to 50s.

A meeting in support of Libraries Association is being held at Mansion House, Dublin, at 4 o'clock on April 22nd, to formerly in the election, elect officers and open

The return of the number of patients during the month of March attached to the St. Michael's Nursing Association is given in the following: St. Michael's, 289; St. Munchin's, 357.

The Rev. John McMan