

lacquer and mosaic work will fill and knowledge that has been inherited down for generations in return for a common bricklayer's labourer would th contemptuous disgust.

WHAT'S A BLUE STOCKING.

A studious young lady is sometimes called a "blue stocking." The Society of stockings was formed in Venice, 1400, and of studious ladies and gentlemen who wore stockings as a badge. The movement travelled but did not reach Great Britain until 1780. Miss Monckton was the last of the elect, died in 1840.

LAWN TENNIS.

you tell me when the first game of Lawn was played and where? asks "Hole." It was played in London in the sixteenth century in covered courts erected for the purpose. Henry VII. and Henry VIII. were fond of the and the latter added to the palace of Whitehall tennis courts. Charles the Second was an dished tennis player, and had particular for playing in. I can find no record with to Ireland.

SMOKING IN THE STREET.

Is there ever a penalty imposed for smoking in the street? asks "Inquirer." The earliest instance known is recorded in the books of the Mayor of Methwold. The entry is on record of the Court held on the 14th, 1695—"We agree that any person that smokes tobacco in the street shall forfeit shilling every time so taken, and it shall be the duty of the petty constable to distrain for the same, and for to be put to the uses above said, i.e. to the use of the town. We present Nicholas for smoking in the street, and doo amerce him one shilling." This rule was repeated at Courts in the years 1696 and 1699, but no other fine is mentioned in subsequent Court.

IS BANK HOLIDAY COMPULSORY?

Clerk.—No; with regard to private business his it differs from the Shop Hours Act, which compels the businesses embraced in the scheme, will be compulsory on a penalty. The Bank Holiday proclamation does not constitute a prohibition of business, but a permission to close such concerns as banks, customs houses, bonding warehouses, inland revenue offices, and the like, which would of necessity be open but for the order.

WHEN DID THE BAPTISTS ORIGINATE?

J.M. asks a question in this form. The answer is that the formation of the Baptists as a separate community in England took place in 1633. The story of the first Baptist flock was a Mr. Spilsbury, whom nothing is known. After 1649 their numbers

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The clergymen present were—Rev. J. O'Shaughnessy, P.P., Knockaderry; Rev. Fr. Foley, C.C., do.; Rev. Stephen Culhane, C.C., Ballingarry; Rev. Jeremiah Murphy, C.C., Kothkeale, and others.

OPERA AT NEWCASTLE WEST.

(From our own Correspondent.)

On Monday next, and during the week, the great treat enjoyed last year will be repeated by the Elster-Grime Opera Co. at Newcastle West, and the seating accommodation at Latchford's Theatre is tested to its fullest capacity. Until the visit of this talented company to Newcastle twelve months ago, the majority, as in all country towns, had only a vague idea of what opera was, but once the people heard and saw any of the operas, nothing could restrain their desire for attending every other night. The artistes who played the leading parts last year, it is pleasing to know, are to appear during the week, and they will receive a right royal welcome, for the memory left of their singing and acting clings round those nights, when Fred Hargreave's tenor of such wonderful compass, the true conception and highly-gifted renderings of Michael Kemble, and the veterans Payne Clerk and Gilbert King had full houses spell bound; and such nights will be well remembered. Miss Maria Elster and Miss Theresa Gilbert are artistes of such well known and wide reputation, it is sufficient to mention their names. There are two new names to appear, Miss Kathleen Emmett, and Mr. Charles Howell (tenor). It is easy to bespeak full houses, for it is truly a treat rarely enjoyed in this town, or in most country places. A company of 35 artistes in full dress opera on the stage of a country theatre is something new.

WILL OF MR. R. ATKINS.

Mr. William Ringrose Atkins, of 6, Adelaide Terrace, Cork, chartered accountant, of Messrs. Atkins, Chirnside, and Co., who died on the 15th January, 1905, left personal estate valued at £12,104 ls. 7d, including £1,772 ls. 3d. in England, and probate of his will of the 4th February, 1902, with two codicils, has been granted to his brother, Dr. Gelston Atkins, of St. Patrick's Place, Cork, Mr. Robert R. White, of Kincora House, Killabeg, Clare, and Mr. Charles E. L. Olden, of South Mall, Cork, chartered accountant. The deceased made bequests to the Representative Church Body and Auxiliary Fund, and various charitable institutions.

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Mr. Counihan, solicitor for the deceased, if the woman was not sober, cutting her dinner when he saw her?

Sergeant Rogan—She had a backbone in her hand and imagined she was cutting it.

Mr. Counihan—Did you say to her at once "You are drunk."

Sergeant Rogan—No such thing.

Mr. Counihan said the only evidence prosecution had was that Constable Portobello saw her in the "snug" and that he came to the conclusion she was drunk. Sergeant Rogan is practically the same.

Mr. Ffrench asked what was the character of the house.

Sergeant Rogan—Good. It is well conducted.

Mr. Ffrench considered that publicans should exercise more care. Half the drunkenness caused through the want of supervision of publicans. However in this instance the magistrates decided to dismiss the case.

LARCENY OF COAL.

John Gavin, a labourer, was charged with the larceny of a ton of coal property of the Limerick Steamship Company.

Mr. Counihan said the only defence he had make was that Gavin was "terribly drunk" on the occasion. He got the coal to deliver, but spilled some of it, and sold the rest of it, to which he did not know.

The accused, evidence having been heard, he elected to be tried by the magistrates, and sentenced to three months hard labour.

Two other men being brought up in connection with the case, were discharged, there being no evidence against them.

The Court adjourned.

METHODIST EXCURSION.

The fifth annual Methodist excursion to Kilkee took place on Thursday, when about 100 people partook of the pleasure of going to once more upon the Brighton of Ireland. At 9 o'clock a start was made from Mount Kenilworth Quay by the s.s. Shannon, and the steamer reached Cappa Pier at 12.30. At eleven o'clock luncheon was served on board, the tables under the presidency of Messrs. E. Christie Morley, Nelson, and the Rev. Mr. Egan. Some ladies who kindly helped. At two o'clock the train from Cappa reached Kilkee, and the excursionists parted, some to go for a walk on the briny ocean, others to stray on the rocks or sit on the rocks; others went to see friends, but everyone to enjoy themselves. At 6.30 the return train started from Kilkee, and reached Kilrush at 6.30, when the journey was continued by steamer. Leaving Cappa Pier, Kilrush, tea was served on board, and at half-past ten o'clock the steamer arrived at Limerick, everyone expressing delight at the beautiful day they had. During the journeys up and down hymns were sung on board. The secretaries wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted at the tea and luncheon tables, and wish the excursion such a success.

NAMES IN IRISH.

The following is the operative clause of Boland's Carriage (Ireland) Bill: "At the commencement of this Act it shall be the duty of the owner of any car, cart, draught or such carriage used for the conveyance of goods, when painting his name and residence thereon, to use the characters of the Irish language."

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