

A very successful concert, under the auspices of the Gaelic League, was held in the Band-room, Clare Castle, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Sir Abraham Sutton, Cork, on Thursday night. The large hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

At Ennis markets on Saturday the following prices were realised—Hay, 42s 6d to 47s 6d per ton; reed, 75s to 80s per ton; straw, 40s; turnips 11s to 14s per ton; potatoes, 6d to 6½d per ton; oats, 9d to 10d per stone; firkin butter, 51s to 52s.

The annual collection in aid of the Magdalen Asylum took place on Sunday in all the Roman Catholic Churches of the city and at all the Masses, by permission of his Lordship Dr. O'Dwyer. In St. John's Cathedral the charity sermon was preached by Rev. Father Butler, O.C.C., Dublin.

At Skibereen on Saturday, a young man named Corneilius Regan, late rural postman, Ballydehob, was charged at the suit of the Postmaster-General with wilfully destroying and feloniously damaging letters, the property of the Postmaster-General. Defendant was sent for trial to Bantry Quarter Sessions.

The death has taken place at Birr of Dr. Thomas Woods, one of the oldest medical practitioners in the country. The deceased had a very interesting career, and by his death a picturesque figure passes from the ranks of the profession in Ireland. He was 96 years, and was pensioned by the Board of Guardians a couple of months ago.

THE LATE GENERAL RYAN.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

At Saturday's meeting of the Tipperary Board of Guardians, Mr. M. Ryan, D.V.C., presiding, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Michael Lyons, seconded by Mr. Wm. O'Neill, and passed unanimously—"That we, the Tipperary Board of Guardians desire to place on record our heartfelt and most sincere sympathy with our highly esteemed and worthy pastor, the Very Rev. Canon Ryan, P.P., V.G., in his great affliction, and that our clerk do convey a copy hereof to Canon Ryan to Mrs. Ryan, Scarteen; to Dr. Charles E. Ryan, P.R.C.S.I., Tipperary; and to Clement, J. Ryan, Esq., Emly House Emly."

THE FUNERAL.

The public funeral of Major-General Ryan, Scarteen, Knocklong, took place on Friday at two o'clock, when the remains were removed from his residence, Scarteen House, to Emly parochial church, where they remained overnight. The interment took place the following day in the family burying ground adjoining the church, after the celebration of Office and High Mass. Long before the hour for starting the yard and grounds at Scarteen House were covered with a multitude of vehicles of every description, and the funeral cortege was of unusually large dimensions.

DEATH OF MRS. CLAYTON.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Clayton which took place at her residence, Lower Hartstonge street, on Sunday evening, after a week's illness. The deceased lady was a member of an old Limerick family, being daughter of the late Mr. Alfred Allen, of Patrick street. The funeral took place this morning from her late residence for the family burial place at St. Mary's Cathedral, and was largely attended.

The chief mourners were:—Mr. Wm. Clayton, son; and Mr. Wm. Christy, junr., son-in-law.

Amongst those present or who sent carriages were:—Mr. W. Christy, senr.; Mr. E. Christy, Dr. Gelston, Dr. Graham, Mr. Wm. M. Beauchamp, Mr. E. H. Poe Hosford, Mr. P. R. Toppin, Mr. C. Downey, Mr. B. Barrington, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Holliday, Mr. C. H. Fitt, Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill, Mr. Wallace, Mr. C. Hill, Mr. J. Hill, Mr. Woodhouse, etc.

Rev. Mr. Egan, Methodist Church, was the officiating minister.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

The "Westminster Gazette" says within a few days it is anticipated that the Tariff Commission will issue a report on the Cotton Industry, and adds "we are informed on good authority that the Commission has abandoned the hope of being able to help cotton by any Tariff proposals, and the report will probably consist of a statement to this effect."

board and drowned at Boston and another man on board the steam trawler Lindsay met with a similar end.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at Wellington, Salop, at an inquest on the body of Thomas Fieldhouse, aged 74, who died as the result of a piece of beef sticking in his throat. His wife is also lying dead in the house.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST.

SIR THOMAS GRATTAN ESMONDE.

Sir Thomas Henry Grattan Esmonde, who is to be added to the now pretty long list of Irish landlords who have sold their property to their tenantry under Mr. Wyndham's Act, comes of the de Estmondes of Huntington, of whom Sir Geoffrey was one of the thirty knights who in 1172 helped Strongbow to invade Ireland. He settled in Wexford, whereof his descendants were seneschals and chancellors and bishops, and where the Esmondes have remained ever since.

Sir Thomas might have being Lord Esmonde, Baron of Limerick, instead of merely eleventh baronet, had it not been for a mother's fear for the soul of her boy. Sir Laurence Esmonde, one of Elizabeth's knights, and commander of a troop of a hundred and fifty foot and horse, fell in love during one of his campaigns in Connaught with the sister of the Dynast of Iar Connaught, and duly married her.

Now Sir Lawrence belonged to the Reformed Church and his lady was a devout Roman Catholic and when her son Thomas was born, and her lord hinted that he should be brought up in the Protestant faith, Lady Esmonde, with her little one in her arms, crept stealthily away by night and hid with her people in Connaught.

Sir Laurence, who was a choleric soldier whose habit was not to think twice about a thing, made no effort to bring her back to his side or nullify the marriage. He took, instead, the drastic course of marrying another lady, a granddaughter of the ninth Earl of Ormonde, who in her youth had married one John Shirlock and was the widow of Sir Edward Gough as well when she became Lady Esmonde.

Of this union it is perhaps as well that there should have been no issue, for the succession might have been disputed. As it was, in those wild times, Sir Laurence's son by his marriage with the Maid of Connaught never even claimed the barony, though that was indisputably his and presently found himself a baronet.

Sir Thomas Esmonde is a great grandson of Henry Grattan, the Irish patriot. He has sat for a good many years for a Wexford Division and has been in Parliament since he was twenty-three and, though he is still a young man, he has long been one of the most interesting figures of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

MEMORABLE ENNIS RACE MEETING.

Mr. Eager, Kerry, writing to "Sport," mentions what he calls the "gigantic meeting held at Ennis in 1865, where some £700 was given in added money. Such horses as The Lamb (dual winner of the "Liverpool") Emigrant, Dunsaney, Claret Cup, Nancy 2 ill (winner of over 100 races in this country), Wild Deer (dam of Ingomar), Londoner, etc., competing, while the amateur riders were represented by Mr. R. Newcomen, Mr. Eyrie, Mr. Williams, Mr. R. Stacpoole, Mr. Canny, etc., and the professionals by P. Gavin, Willie Bell, M. Connolly, T. Kelly, J. Doyle, D. Wynne, M. Murphy, J. Noble, D. Meaney, P. Clancy, W. Cusack, etc.

"If I am not much mistaken there are only about two of the above mentioned riders now living."

"What a striking contrast the Ennis meeting forms with one held a fortnight previously at Londonderry may be gathered from the fact that there were only four horses to compete for seven races, although a Queen's Plate (the Irish currency) was run for at the meeting, and won by Lord Conyngham. To make matters worse, four of the races had to be walked over for."

MALTREATING HIS WIFE.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

At Runcorn to-day John MacMahon, farm labourer, was remanded charged with maltreating his wife by setting fire to her clothes.

On Saturday morning while two men named William and Benjamin Regan were engaged fishing in a small boat in Kinsale harbour, they captured in a small net a seal of average sized dimensions, which they brought on shore, but could get no buyers for it.

POLICE PRAISED.

At the Newcastle West Town Commissioners meeting, Mr. Dan Leonard, Chairman, presided. Other members present were—Messrs George Latchford, Gideon Reidy, Michael Murphy, David McCoy, John Hunt.

Mr. McCoy desired to call attention to the action of the police on St. Stephen's night in discovering a fire which broke out at Mr. Foley's in Maiden Street, and he thought such conduct as Sergeant O'Brien and Constable Keable displayed deserved the best thanks of the people. They discovered the fire in the middle of the night, and their efforts in putting it out were certainly praiseworthy.

On the motion of Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Michael Murphy, a resolution was passed unanimously highly commending the conduct of Sergeant Edward O'Brien and Constable Edward Keable for their watchfulness and attention to duty, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr. John Rowan, District Inspector.

VOICE OF CONDOLENCE.

A vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Mr. Daniel Leahy, a valued member of the Town Commissioners, and other relatives of the late Mrs. Leahy, South Quay, in their sad bereavement.

LITTLE CHILD'S PATHETIC ACTION.

The "pretending" of a Sheffield child, not two years old, has resulted in her death in pathetic circumstances. Sitting before the fire at home, her pinafore caught fire, and she was badly burned. She was taken in the hospital to which she was taken how the accident happened, and her reply was: "Dolly was cold, and I warmed her." Near the fire-place a rag doll with charred clothing was found.

DEATH OF MRS BOURKE.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Bourke, widow of the highly respected citizen, the late Mr. T. M. Bourke, bookseller and stationer, George street, which took place on Sunday last. There will be Office and High Mass at St. Michael's R.C. Church at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, after which the funeral will leave for the family burial ground at Mount St. Lawrence.

KISSES.—THE LATEST "CURE."

A discovery which cannot fail to be profoundly interesting and gratifying to a large section of man (and woman) kind has been made, according to the "Daily Telegraph," by a French physician. Some little time ago we were inundated with professedly authoritative statements as to the unhealthiness of kissing. The horrid words "germ" and "microbe" were freely bandied about, and it was boldly declared that kissing was about the best, or worst, method of disseminating disease that could be imagined. All these gloomy and uncomfortable theories, however, are now put to flight by the welcome announcement by the aforementioned doctor that so far from being harmful kissing is a remarkably wholesome and healthful process. Kisses carry microbes, he admits; so much the better. For it is the beneficent and not the evil microbes that get exchanged in kissing, and good microbes are not only a useful but an essential element of health. Kissing is, in fact, an instinctive therapeutic process, and is especially good for digestion. Though this view of kissing may seem to ultra-sentimentalists a little over-practical (says "St. James's Gazette,") there is no doubt that the discovery will be welcomed by the world at large. "Just one more, remember that our health depends upon it," the youth will murmur to the maiden, and the argument ought to be irresistible.

DEATH OF SIR G. CAMPBELL, K.C.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Sir George Campbell, K.C., M.P., Inspector General of Ceylon Police and Prison, who for a time had charge of Arabi Pasha and other Egyptian exiles, died this morning at Wimbledon, at the age of 70.

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