

Mr. Robert Coll, J.P., Chairman of the Limerick County Council, has announced that he does not intend seeking re-election to the Council at the coming elections. Mr. Coll proved himself a very able and courteous Chairman, and his contemplated retirement has been heard of with much regret.

We are informed that the date of the lecture on "The Astronomical Aspect of the Probability of Life in the Moon and Planets," by J. F. Bennis, has been fixed for next Thursday, at 8 o'clock, in the Y.M.C.A. room, and that ladies are specially invited. Admission, as usual, free.

At a meeting held in the Courthouse, Clonmel by a number of the friends and well-wishers of Mr. John F. Croome, late Master of the Clonmel Harriers, it was resolved to present him with a suitable gift on the occasion of his approaching marriage, as a testimony of his great popularity and sterling worth.

We regret to announce the death which took place on Sunday of Mr. George Grubb, a member of the Society of Friends, and who for nearly a quarter of a century held the important position of Clerk or President of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends in Cork. He was also a prominent member of that body, and a well known speaker at public meetings.

**PRESSED BY THE JUDGE.**

**Police Evidence in Limerick.**

In the House of Commons last night. Mr. Lonsdale asked the Chief Secretary whether he was aware that upon hearing of two claims by farmers for compensation for malicious destruction of hay at Limerick Quarter Sessions, last week, Head Constable Doherty expressed the opinion that the hay was burned on behalf of the applicant whereas County Court Judge Adams rejected that opinion, which he said was unsupported by any title of evidence, and awarded the claimant compensation; and whether, with a view of preserving the independence of the Constabulary, he would direct a full inquiry to be made into the circumstances under which the police officer made these unpounded allegations.

Mr. Long said the Head Constable only expressed the opinion complained of after he had been pressed by the Judge. The police were instructed when giving evidence in such cases to claim privilege if their answer would interfere with the administration of justice. He was advised that the Head Constable would have been justified in claiming privilege in this case and declining to make a grave criminal charge on suspicion. He was making further inquiries into the matter.

**THE BUDGET AT A GLANCE.**

The only change in taxation proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech yesterday is a reduction in the Tea Duty of 2 1/2 in the pound, from the 1st of July.

There is no change in Income Tax. On the present basis of taxation the Chancellor estimated a surplus for the present year of £2,972,000, as follows:—

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| Estimated Revenue     | £144,004,000 |
| Estimated Expenditure | £141,032,000 |
| Surplus               | £2,972,000   |

This he proposes to utilise as follows:—

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| Increase of fixed debt charge | £1,000,000 |
| Reduction of Tea Duty         | £1,550,000 |

**FINAL BALANCE SHEET.**

The final balance sheet when these sums are deducted from revenue thus stands:—

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| Estimated Revenue     | £142,454,000 |
| Estimated Expenditure | £142,032,000 |
| Surplus               | £422,000     |

**LAST YEAR'S SURPLUS.**

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| Exchequer Revenue     | £143,370,000 |
| Exchequer Expenditure | £141,956,000 |
| Surplus               | £1,414,000   |

**THE LATE MR. F. GRUBB.**

Mr. George Grubb, of Cork, whose sudden death took place last Sunday, was son of a most respected citizen of Limerick, who died in the year 1861. He was a brother of Mr. Thomas Grubb, of this city, was a Vice-President of the Cork Y.M.C.A., but was best known as the President, or Clerk of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends in Ireland, and was a minister in the same society, in the business of which he has taken a prominent part for over quarter of a century. The interment is at Friends Cemetery, Cork, on Wednesday.

formerly Conservative M.P. for the Eastern Division of Hull.

Twenty lovers of football in Blackburn, who had saved £20 to see next Saturday's great football match at the Crystal Palace, are distraught. Their "treasurer" has vanished with their savings.

Notice of appeal for a new trial has been lodged by the defendant, Mr. George Edwards, in the action concerning "The Cingalee," in which Captain Fraser, the plaintiff, was awarded £2,000 damages.

The Rev. W. Stafford, of Indianapolis, has patented a non-refillable bottle. According to Laffan, he has been offered 300,000 dollars for the patent by a large firm of distillers, but refused.

Mr. Balfour declares the Redistribution proposals cannot be laid before the House prior to the Easter Recess, but no delay will take place in submitting them after that period.

Dr. Torrey expects better results from his mission in Brixton than from the West End, "because Brixton human nature is not so thickly coated with the veneer of convention and idle amusement."

Mr. James Marshall Brooks, of Portal Lodge, Tarporley, Cheshire, a well-known racing man, who died in London in January, aged 83 years, and brother of Lord Crawshaw, left estate of the gross value of £4,525.

Count Macola, after being boycotted for seven years for having killed a fellow deputy in a duel, has resigned his seat in the Italian Chamber. When he started to speak, the members quitted the House.

In the event of war, says Rear-Admiral Melville, the United States (leaving her colonies to defend themselves) will use her entire navy to defeat the enemy—after which she will be able to recover her colonies.

A large crocodile was recently killed in the Incomati River, near Komati Poort, by some natives, who, on opening the reptile, discovered inside the remains of one of their brothers. He had been missing for some days.

"My dog, though without a collar, was not 'at large' within the definition of the law, while in my company and under my care." This statement obtained Mr. F. S. King, M.A., the dismissal of a charge against him at Matlock.

James Ross Lindsay, a Scotch engine-driver, made sure of suicide. He got off his engine at Aindrie, Lanarkshire, tied an iron chain round his neck, and stood on the edge of a watertank. He then fired a revolver shot into his mouth and fell back into the water.

In Parliament last night, the Closing of Licensed Premises on Christmas Day (Ireland) Bill passed through Committee, some formal clauses being inserted by the Attorney General, which were accepted by Mr. Nannetti, who has charge of the Bill.

In Parliament last night, appeals were made by Mr. Mooney and Mr. O'Meara to the member for Peckham (Sir F. Bunbury) to withdraw his opposition to the St. Patrick's Day Closing Bill, in which all Irish members were agreed, but with no success.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

SHANNON ACT—The Foynes correspondent who sent this enclosed no memorandum of name or address, or what it was all about. He should do this.

A LOYAL J.P.—Next issue.

**LIMERICK FAR AWAY.**

A letter from J. H. Parker, Transvaal telling how St. Patrick's Day was celebrated there, with reminiscences of Clare, and "Biddy" of Lisdoonvarna, will appear in our next issue.

**RATHKEALE QUARTER SESSIONS.**

The Rathkeale Quarter Sessions will be opened on Thursday next before His Honor Judge Adams on the arrival of the morning train from Limerick. There is but one Crown case for hearing. The civil bill business is as follows:—Ejectments, 3, all of which are defended; civil bills, 161, 50 of which are defended; malicious injuries applications, 5; land cases, 19; new equity civil bills, 4, appeals, 5.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

The London Stock Market are not much affected to-day by the Budget beyond a rise in consols of 3-16.

**SIR CHARLES PALMER WORSE.**

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Sir Charles Palmer is not quite so well to-day.

**SALE OF A CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY.**

A few days ago Mr. Denis Murphy, auctioneer Doneraile, put up for public auction the Doneraile Co-operative Society Creamery, together with machinery and plant. The Doneraile Co-operative Society was started about a dozen years ago, the management being in the hands of a committee of the local farmers. The venture met with a measure of success until late years when, owing to the competition in the dairy business generally, the Society was unable to make ends meet, and as a natural result the committee resolved to wind up the concern. The bidding at the auction, which was between Messrs. Cleave Brothers, Limerick, the celebrated condensed milk company of Ireland (who were represented by Mr. F. C. Cleave, and their manager at Mallow, Mr. D. Foley), and Mr. Paxman, Lismore, did not however reach the reserved price put on the premises and plant, that of Messrs. Cleave being the highest, the committee did not seem disposed to sell for less than the price reserved. After further consultation this was reduced, and Mr. Cleave accepted the offer, and was declared purchaser, and the news was received with much satisfaction in the neighbourhood. Under the experienced management of Messrs. Cleave the successful working of this new addition to their numerous branches all over Ireland is assured. Mr. B. Fitzgerald, solr., Mallow, had carriage of sale, and Dr. O'Meara, solr., Mallow, attended on behalf of Messrs. Cleave.—"Cork Examiner."

**CITY ROBBERY IN 1903.**

At Limerick Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Guinan, J.P., James Keane, who was arrested that morning by Sergeant Batty, was charged with being concerned in the robbery of a sum of £62 from the premises of the late Miss Agnes Frances Bourke, who kept a small stationer's shop at Charlotte Quay, so far back as the 6th December, 1903. A youth named Martin O'Brien was convicted of also being concerned in the robbery, and Keane was away for a time, only returning on Saturday night, it is stated. The accused was remanded to Petty Sessions.

**THE LATE MRS. HERBERT.**

The funeral of the late Mrs. Herbert, widow of Mr. Patrick Herbert, T.C., a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen, took place from St. Michael's R.C. Church, on Sunday afternoon, for St. Mary's Cathedral, where the remains were interred in the family vault. The cortege was of a large and representative character, testifying to the high esteem in which the deceased lady was held.

The following clergy were present—Rev. J. Cregan, Adm.; Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, Rev. J. Lee, Rev. M. O'Connor, Rev. R. Devane, Rev. F. Carroll, St. Michael's; Rev. J. O'Shea, P.P. Kilmallock; Rev. J. Hanrahan, O.S.A. Drogheda; Rev. Fr. Walshe, C.S.S.R.; Rev. J. Cregagh, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. Meagher, Rector St. J., The Crescent; Rev. Fr. O'Reilly, do.; Rev. Fr. O'Kane, Prior, O.P.; Rev. Fr. Duhig, O.P.; Rev. Fr. Nolan, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. Wallace, St. Mary's.

The chief mourners were—John Mescall (brother), Perium Graham (son-in-law), J. Mescall, Castleconnell, and J. Mescall, Shannon street (nephews).

**DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.**

Catherine Dillon, an inmate of the Limerick Union Workhouse, died yesterday in that institution. The deceased, who was in the enjoyment of her faculties almost to the last, was, it is said, in her 104th year.

**FAMOUS SINGER MARRIED.**

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Miss Ada Crossley, famous singer, was married in London to-day to Dr. Renecker, an Australian doctor of medicine.

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