

with which an express train runs when one reads at a gold crested wren's nest, containing six eggs, as recently found in a ventilator of the York and London express. On an American train, and some other lines we wot of, every shell would have been shattered, and it would be a bold bird who would build a nest in such a place.

#### RELATIVES WANTED.

Wanted, the address of Mrs. Leonard, nee McGraith, who left Clarecastle, County Clare, with her husband, fifteen or sixteen years ago. Anyone knowing same, correspond at once with her uncle, J. McGraith, Ararat, Victoria, Australia. Something to her advantage.

#### ARMLESS BUT ABLE.

Necessity is really the true mother of invention, despite the modern tendency to invent revised versions of the old wise saws. If you have no arms, for instance, do not despair. There is no reason why you should not compete successfully with your fellow men in the race for success in life. You may even occupy an important position, such as that of postmaster, albeit that hands and arms seem so essential to the efficient carrying out of such duties. A peculiar demonstration is one of the best forms of proof, and the head of the Post Office at Auckland, New Zealand, may be seen daily performing his task with his feet. So extremely agile have his pedal extremities become, that he can write clearly, make out money and postal orders, and, in short, do all the clerical work necessary, despite the fact that his arms are useless. One is not surprised to find also that he can "stamp" letters with great rapidity.

#### LIVE NOT TO EAT, BUT EAT TO LIVE.

A London professional gentleman has had a sad experience. Some time ago he was a man of some means, when he was informed by a doctor he consulted that he had not long to live. Being a philosophical soul, he made the best of matters, and adopted the motto, "Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we die." Most people who eat, drink, and are merry do die, however healthy they may have been at the start, but this man's constitution played him a treacherous trick, and he woke up one morning and found himself penniless, but still alive. So he forged a cheque for £8 8s. Result: Six months' hard labour, imposed at Bow street yesterday.

#### THE CITY DEATH RATE.

The death rate of the city for the four weeks ending July 7th was 13.0, the rates for the four weeks being—June 16th, 20.5; June 23rd, 10.9; June 30th, 10.9; July 7th, 9.6. The average death rate for the four weeks in the 22 to 24 districts registered was 16.5. The highest death rates were at Newtownards, 24.3, and Queenstown, 21.4, the lowest death rates being at Dundalk, 8.0, and Clonmel, 9.0.

#### MUNSTER-CONNACHT EXHIBITION

At the Sweet Pea Show on Friday, the table decoration prize was accredited to Mrs. W. F. McNamara, of Ballinacurra, and the second third prizes respectively to Miss L. E. Shaw, and Miss E. Stephenson for the exhibits of that delightful flower. Honourable merit was awarded to Mrs. Gera'd Goodbody, and Miss Ina Kennedy.

The Clare Feis, which promises to be a huge success, was opened at the Courthouse to-day (Saturday), at 12 o'clock noon, by the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Lord Bishop of Killaloe. It will be continued to-morrow, when special excursions will be run from all parts into Ennis.

#### FEVER AT GLIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Dr. McDonnell has reported to the Glin Council that three girls in the District School have been attacked with enteric fever and had been removed to Listowel Hospital. The outbreak of typhoid in the schools was, he said, due to the filthy condition of certain premises. It was decided that the nuisance must be abated within 24 hours.

#### "GIPSY" POACHERS.

At the Tomgraney Petty Sessions on Wednesday, before Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., and Mr. Sampson a complaint was preferred by Mr. Crofton, Raheen, against the brothers Jenkins, who are of the Gipsy tribe, for trespassing in pursuit of game, and playing "high jinks" in Raheen Manor at 4.30 a.m. on the 29th ult.

David Flannery found the defendants on the lands, accompanied by dogs, they having "camped" outside the boundary wall with their large waggons. He charged them and they then retreated.

The Bench fined each of the defendants £1 and 4s. 6d. costs.

#### DEATH OF MISS DILLON, MARKET-STREET, ENNIS.

With much regret we have to announce the death at an early age, of Miss Bridget Dillon, Market street, Ennis, sister of the late Mr. Pat Dillon and Mr. T. Dillon, P.L.G. and a member of an old and respected local family. She had been ailing for some time, but bore her sufferings with patient resignation. Bright, kindly, and amiable, she was a general favourite, and will be much missed by many friends. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was of a most representative character. A number of Limerick friends were present.

#### LIMERICK LADY'S BEQUEST.

In the Rolls Court yesterday arguments were begun in the suit of Anne Reid, against the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, to have it declared that a sum of £800 (being portion of a sum of £1,660 given by a Miss Bridget O'Grady to the rev. defendant for charitable purposes was subject to the trusts of the will of one Jerh. O'Grady, deceased. The Bishop having failed to satisfy the contentions of the several parties allowed the matter to go into Court, and submitted his rights to the jurisdiction of the Court. The case is at hearing.

Mr. O'Connor, K.C., and Mr. Corvan (instructed by Mr. R. A. M'Namara) appeared for the plaintiff. Messrs. D. F. Browne, K.J., and P. Kelly (instructed by Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor, Limerick), appeared for the Bishop of Limerick, and Very Rev. A. Murphy; and Messrs. H. Wilson, K.C., and E. Lynch (instructed by Mr. S. Hastings, solicitor, Limerick) appeared for Mrs. O'Grady, the administratrix of W. F. O'Grady, deceased.

#### RATHKEALE SUB-POSTMISTRESS.

Mrs. Howard, wife of Mr. A. Howard, G.P.O., has been appointed sub-Postmistress of Rathkeale on the retirement of Mr. H. Boyle.

who died on 8th April last, left personal estate valued at £1,719. Miss Danny bequeathed to the Representative Church Body £100 and £10 to the Kerry Orphan Society.

The attendance at the Munster-Conhibition last night was again on the high and the various side shows in the hall and the grounds received a fair share of patronage.

Lord Kitchener is to return home at the end of his period of service as Commander in Chief, in order to take up a high position in the War Office. He is, in fact, to be the Principal Adviser to the Cabinet.

It was announced by Rev. Fr. Cummins at the first meeting of the Bacon Factory Committee in Roscrea yesterday that the factory had allotted 10,171 shares of £1 each to the shareholders; they had secured a suitable price for the shares; they hoped to have the factory in full swing within six months.

#### LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

#### FINANCIAL DEADLOCK.

#### TREASURER OBDUROUS.

At the special meeting of the Limerick Council to-day, Lord Emly presiding, a resolution was read from the Council's Treasurer, Mr. Coleman, National Bank, on the subject of advising the Board Directorate pointed out that the Council was not disposed to enter into any arrangement involving the making of so large an advance of £23,000 or £35,000.

In connection with same, Mr. Coleman proposed a resolution to the effect that the present treasurers be changed, owing to the fact that they were unable to accommodate them temporarily, as the Limerick and Leinster Bank be appointed as the new treasurers. The resolution was the outcome of a meeting of the Finance Committee. There was a financial deadlock, and the Limerick and Leinster Bank had agreed with him to make an advance of £20,000 to the 29th September next.

Mr. Hayes protested against any change of the Finance Committee taking it on the ground that Mr. Coleman had done, of approaching the Council manager and making arrangements for the advance.

Mr. Coleman said it was generally understood that he should see Mr. Brett. It was the duty of the Council to facilitate the advance to the county.

Lord Dunraven enquired how the Council with the National Bank stood at present. Mr. Roche said in the general account that the National Bank was a credit of £469; subsidiary account a credit of £902; salaries a credit of £86, or a total of £345.

Lord Dunraven—That leaves us with a deficit of £1,255. Mr. Roche—I understand extra charges have been lodged by the collectors.

Lord Dunraven said if the change of the Limerick and Leinster Bank would be in the same difficulty as the National Bank they had none of the monies of the county at their disposal. He was of opinion that the Council should create a Reserve Fund to meet the necessity of continually approaching the Council for an advance. His lordship explained that the present position did not arise from the Council not having to meet the demands of the various bodies quarterly when the rates were due. What the Council had a right to do was to place a sufficient sum of money to place the Council on a proper footing—that was to have a working balance, and to avoid looking for drafts. It was proposed in November last to reduce the rate of twopence in the pound and