

**NEWS NOTES AND NOVELS.**

**FOR THE IMPROVED LEAD.**

New York has furnished a device to prevent the losing of umbrellas. The umbrella is placed near the owner and a portion of the garment is put between the umbrella and the ground, whereupon the body of a man is directed to look the way to the ground, without noticing the umbrella, and as the garment as he moves, the umbrella will be perceived that the article is forgotten.

**THE CITY DEATH RATE.**

The death rate of the city for the four weeks ending February 17th was 23.2, the rates for the four weeks being—January 27th, 16.4; February 3rd, 27.2; February 10th, 23.2, and February 17th, 28.7. The average death rate for the four weeks in the twenty-two town districts registered was 21.7. The highest death rates were at Newtownards, 48.7, and Wexford, 26.8, the lowest death rates being at Armagh, 12.0, and Ballymena, 13.2.

**WHAT IS A HUNTER?**

The publication of the new volume of the Stud Book of the Hunters Improvement Society reminds us that we have no recognised breed of hunters. If a man desires to produce a Shire horse or Hackney or a polo pony, he knows how to set about it. Judgment, care, and the combination of the right strains of blood produce at last the type required. But hunter-breeding, after all the century and a half of demand created by fox-hunting, is still a matter of chance.—"Country Life."

**A TELEPHONE STORY.**

The telephone has its dangers as well as advantages. A certain West End doctor received by the instrument in his bedroom a message in the middle of the night asking him to go at once to one of his patients. "Say I'm away," said the doctor to his wife, giving her the telephone. When he next met that patient he apologised for his absence. "Then you really were away?" said the patient. The answer was in the affirmative. "Well, I'm sorry for you," said the ether; "I sympathise with you in your terrible misfortune, for I distinctly heard a man's voice in your house talking to your wife."

**JACK TAR'S NEW UNIFORM.**

It is officially notified that the Admiralty have decided to abolish cloth trousers, serge frocks, and drill frocks as part of the kit of petty officers and men of the fleet dressed as seamen. The order is to come into effect on August 1 next. A new pattern serge jumper with cuffs is to be supplied, with gold badges, and will be used for best uniform in place of the old serge frock.

**IRISH FABRICS.**

Irish poplin is in high favor among leading modistes, especially for blouses, which are worn with cloth, or cashmere skirts that match in colour exact'y, says our London lady correspondent. For real hard wear there are few fabrics equal to it.

**CITY AND ABOUT.**

An interesting article on "Dumpy" women will be found on page six to-day.

There are 450 inmates in Ennis Workhouse. They cost 5s. 1d. per head.

Ennis Council have decided to support the St. Patrick's Day National Holiday movement.

The Limerick County Board of the G.A.A. have strongly condemned the brutal assault on Mr. Roche, referee, at the Ballygrane match on Sunday last.

The names of Messrs E. G. Fitt and P. R. Toppin were omitted from the list of attendances at the funeral of the late Mr. Heaton-Armstrong.

On Wednesday, at Nutley Avenue, Dublin Garryowen defeated Blackrock College by 2 tries (6 points) to a penalty goal (3 points).

Head Constable Keffe and Constable W. Bowden, Ennis, have each been granted a third class favourable record, and £1 each, for good police duty.

A young man named Mullins, from Barna, Co. Limerick, was remanded in Mitchelstown charged with assaulting a young man named M'Grath with a tumbler.

The remains of the late Mrs. Seymour, wife of Mr. Alfred Neville Seymour, of Limerick, and daughter of Mr. H. E. Hearne, managing director of Messrs. Gathell, Lamprey, Bendell, Ltd., Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, were interred on Wednesday at St. George's Burial Ground, Whitworth Road, amid a scene of general mourning.

An old and respected member of the Limerick Branch of the Tailors' Society, Mr. Patrick O'Halloran, passed away on Tuesday. Deceased who was father of the president of the Limerick Branch of the Tailors' Society (Mr. Joseph O'Halloran), was held in high esteem amongst his fellow-members, and much regret is felt at his demise.

The death of Mr. James Cahill, postmaster, at the age of 58 years, occurred at the Post Office, Kilmeeady, on Wednesday evening, to the very great regret of all who knew him. The late Mr. James Cahill was son of the late Mr. Cahill, Ballygulleen, and brother of the late Dr. J. Cahill, and of Mr. W. Cahill, Bruree.

A destructive fire broke out on Thursday in the stabling yard of Mr. Timothy Desmond, T.C., at Ballyphehane, near Turner's Cross. About 20 horses were stabled in the premises, and most of these, including the valuable stallions "Sweet Oliver" and "Mary Duke," were burned to death in their stalls. The damage amounts to several thousand pounds.

"I found the barrel on the bridge." This was the plea of Michael Fraher, labourer, Old Bridge, who was charged at Clonmel Sessions on Thursday with stealing a barrel of porter, the property of Mrs. Cooney, publican, Main Guard. Remanded.

Tipperary County Council have struck the following rates for the year ending 31st March, 1907:—Shevardagh (land and other hereditaments respectively), 2s. 11d., 4s. 11d.; Carrick-on-Suir, 2s. 2d., 3s. 8d.; Cashel, 1s. 11d., 3s. 6d.; Clogheen, 2s. 6d., 4s. 4d.; Clonmel No. 1, 2s., 3s. 11d.; Tipperary No. 1, 2s. 6d., 4s. 3d.; Gortnahoe, 1s. 4d., 3s. 1d. The rates include a penny in the £ for technical instruction.

A man who acknowledged he had a banking account, applied to the Kilmallock Guardians for relief this week. He did not get it, nor did a boy who acknowledged he had been in good service but did not keep it.

**LIMERICK INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.**

**FOOTBALL.**

**SHAMROCK V. THISTI**

(BY TELEGRAPH TO-DAY.)

This match took place this afternoon at Downe Ground in fine, cold weather. The twenty-ninth match between the two Ireland's second International this season. Ireland won the toss, kicking off from railway end with the wind. Some give a play for the first ten minutes, when a fit of passing amongst the Scotch backs res a try, which was converted. Ireland got but missed doing anything. Shortly after land got another goal, leaving the score time:—

Scotland	...	...	2 goals
Ireland	...	...	Nil

The result of second half will be found Stop Press space.

**Stop Press News**

[If any important news is received while printing, it will be found this space.]

Warsaw, Saturday—An unknown shot dead the Director General of Viennese Railroads to-day.

Perim, Saturday—A wounded landed here reports that a tribal foray taken place north of Babel Mandeb which several were killed and wounded.

Result received here at 6 o'clock, du pressure on wires at Lansdowne Road

**FINAL SCORE.**  
SCOTLAND ... 3 goals (14)  
IRELAND ... 2 tries (6)  
Ireland showed better form, and two brilliant tries in the second 1 both kicks at goal failing.  
Scotland got free kicking goal within five minutes.

**FURTHER EDUCATION MOVEMENT.**

(BY TELEGRAPH TO-DAY)

The Treasury has appointed a permanent Committee to advise the Department as to the distribution of a grant in aid of the furnishing of education of the university students.

**"A LITTLE CLIQUE."**

(BY TELEGRAPH TO-DAY.)

Pretoria, Saturday