sympathisers with the toys in large numbers. The prizes are on view in Guy's window.

## BUTTER PACKAGES

### Condemned by the Trades Council

At the meeting of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council held on Friday evening, June 14th, Mr. E. Daly, V.P., in the chair, delegates from the following societies were present—Drapers' assistants, sawyers, printers, coopers, bakers, masons, cabinet makers, plasterers, and carpenters. The secretary stated that the local timber merchants sent samples of butter packages and staves to the Trades Congress held in Dublin last month, and that delegates, of whom a number were practical coopers, spoke as to the suitability of the timber and excellent workmanship of the packages. The Chairman of the Dublin Trades Council, Mr. John Lumsden, exhibited some of the packages and staves at a meeting of the Council of the Dublin Industrial Development Association, and stated that the importation of butter packages was reprehensible and caused serious injury to a legitimate Irish industry, whilst Irish manufacturers were capable of producing as good and as cheap a package as the foreigner the Council considered that the matter should be fully considered by those who imported these goods, and the trade given to Irish firms.

## THE LAND PURCHASE ACT

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Denman, replying to a series of questions by the Earl of Donoughmore, stated that the total amount on the 31st May, 1907, of applications for advance in direct sales of estates to tenants under the Irish Land Purchase Act, 1903, was £50,750,549. The total amount lodged in the bank or otherwise advanced in respect of these sales was £17,707,022, of which £26,107,665 had been allocated or distributed, and £1,312 869 had been transferred to the Land Judges' Court. The amount available for further advances was £1,944,000.

## "THE MIKADO."

Mr. Gladstone announced in the House of Commons last evening that the prohibition of the 'Mikado' music and words has been unconditionally withdrawn.

## DEATH OF MISS MABEL MacARTHUR.

We regret to record the death of Mabel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mr. W. A. MacArthur, which took place yesterday afternoon at their residence, Mountain View, Laurel Hill. The deceased, who was only in her 18th year, had been in failing health for some months past, and her death was not unexpected. She was a young lady of high literary tastes, and her grace and charm of manner endeared her to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur and family in their great sorrow. The funeral takes place at ten o'clock to-morrow morning for St. Munchin's.

## "THE FAILURES OF LIFE."

The pictures that none have painted,
The seeds that have never sprung,
The thoughts that were never uttered,
The songs that were never sung—
Shall we meet with them o'er the river,
Beyond the Great "Divide,"
Old hopes, old joys, ambitions,
On Heaven's celestial tide.

The patriot's hopes that never
Found scope on earthly scene,
The poet's dreams of rapture
That have only phantoms been;
Are they treasured still in Heaven,
Beyond the starry dome,
In the store house of thoughts eternal
In our grand eternal home?

Beyond this time worn planet
Shall earth's visions be revealed,
Unfathomed here by science.
And by wisdom unrevealed,
Shall our unfettered spirits
There mysteries command,
The voices of the ocean
And the secrets of the land?

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Mr. Barrington said if they were not able to meet their obligations by the 1st July, the bank would be very shy to give an advance to the Council.

Mr. Hayes seconded the proposition

Dr. Connery was of opinion that the rate collectors should have the greater portion of their warrants collected by the 1st July. They were getting too much latitude altogether.

There was no amendment to the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEES.

The various outgoing committees were re-elected without opposition.

ORDER OF MEETINGS.

The dates of the half-yearly meetings of the County and District Councils for the ensuing year were re-fixed. In the date of the Newcastle West Spring meeting the date was altered from the 17th to the 19th March.

TRACTION ENGINE TRAFFIC.

Mr. Leahy submitted counsel's opinion on the question of traction engines on the roads. The opinion went to show that the section of the Act of Parliament having reference to this traffic did not apply to Ireland, therefore the Council had no remedy in the matter.

Mr. John Coleman—The only thing we have to do is to send a copy of counsel's opinion to Mr. John Redmond and the Irish Party, and ask them to have the same laws extended to Ireland. I propose that we take this course.

Mr. Barrington seconded the motion, which was passed.

INSURANCE.

The question of the insurance of employes was left to the secretary and solicitor to draw up a report and frame the policies in proportion to salaries and wages.

## THE LATE "COLEY" O'CONNELL.

The members of the Limerick Amateur Athletic and Bicycle Club are starting a fund in aid of the family of the late Coley O'Connell, who as our readers are aware was prominently identified with sports in the South of Ireland, and belonged to an old and well known Limerick family. Our columns have already referred to this deserving case, and the members of the Club are anxious to make the fund raised locally as large as possible. After many trials in life borne with a cheerful fortitude Mr. O'Connell finally lost his reason, and after a few days death ensued, leaving his wife and children absolutely unprovided for, except for a few pounds generously subscribed by readers of the "Irish Cyclist," by which the sad circumstances were first made public. A week or so ago we transferred the sad circumstances of Mr. O'Connell's illness to our columns, and now the Club have issued a circular signed by W. L. Stokes, V.P., B. Plummer, V.P., J. Flynn, V.P., J. McNamara, V.P., A. J. Eakins, V.P., and J. G. O'Brien (Limerick Hotel) and A. McNeice (21 Ascot Terrace), hon. treasurers, in which, referring to the case, they appeal for generous aid for the widow and family. They base their appeal on the fact—apart from the sad circumstances—on the fact that Mr O'Connell was for many years identified with everything that tended to keep athletics pure and further the interests of legitimate sport all over Ireland. To those of us who were connected with Coley in his young days, this report must appeal to our sympathies and generosity; and, remembering old associations in the past, and also the fact of his being a Limerickman, this appeal will we trust meet with that general response which it so fully merits. Although removed from Limerick for several years, he still kept up his associations with our club, and except on the last occasion was never absent from its annual reunions, and evinced at all times the same keen interest in its welfare as he did when acting as a member of the committee (and at one time as its honorary treasurer), and up to the last he has acted as representative of the L.A.A. and B.C. on the Council of the Cyclist and Athletic Association in Dublin." Those who are willing to subscribe should remember that the matter is urgent, and that "He gives twice who gives quickly."

## THANKS.

Mr. F. St. C Hobson wishes to return his grateful thanks to all those who by wire, letters, and messages conveyed their sympathy and congratulation at the recent law suit and at the result of it, and trusts his host of kind friends will accept this as an acknowledgment of gratitude.

Right Rev. Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, has returned to take up his residence in the College, though his health is by no means completely restored.

shot dead in the streets of Teheran on Saturday evening. The murderer escaped.

An attempt was made on Saturday evening to destroy the house of Colonel O'Brien, Commissioner of Police at Johannesburg.

The Prime Minister went to Buckingham Palace yesterday and had a somewhat prolonged audience with his Majesty, prior to the King's departure for Wellington and Windsor.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Hickson, R.M., Agnes Woulfe was fined 40s. or a month's imprisonment for loitering on the public street, and Bridget Mackey was fined 10s 6d for a similar offence.

## THE LATE MR. JOHN M'CUTCHEON.

### Funeral To-day.

The above took place to-day from his residence 73 Westland street, at 9 30 p.m., for family burial place, St. John's. The coffin was of fine polished oak, and heavily mounted. The remains were borne by the Officers of the Church Lad's Brigade. The cortege was large and representative.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. Richard J. M'Cutcheon, John McCutcheon, Walter McCutcheon, and James Albert McCutcheon, sons; Robert McCutcheon, brother, Joseph and Peter Galbraith, nephews.

Among the general public were:—Messrs. A. J. Eakins, J. De Courcey, J. Whatley, T. Pike, F. Despard, B. Despard, V. Dowsley, W. Reid, T. Reid, J. McCullough, E. O'Connell, J. Grant, J. Clarke, P. Hynes, — Horne, W. Ievers, M. Dorman, J. Brockett, J. Bell — Waugh, D. Nolan, D. Ryan, P. Liston, Jos. H. Wright, — Waterston, P. Griffiths, W, Griffiths, R. Healy, W. Cullen (Newport), A. King, H. King, — Scullion, W. Leech, T. Auchmuty; — McClean, M. Counihan, J. O'Connor, J. King, — Ryan (Newport), F. Corbett, P. Tooky, H. Christy, J. McNamara, — Levin, V. Cooper, O. Taylor, W. Bonhill, A. Moorehead, M. Mason, J. Mears, M. A. B. O'Rielly, M. Roche, M. Cuddy, A. Colter, D. Rainsford (Newport), F. Chestnutt, and many others.

The following rev. gentlemen attended—The Ven Archdeacon Wynne, Rev. R. M. Gilbert, and Rev. R. A. Adderley.

The burial service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Wynne and the Rev. M. Gilbert. The Archdeacon gave a very touching address before the coffin was borne from the church, and the Dead March was played by the organist.

Wreaths were sent by the following—"His wife and children, Jack, Catty, and Albert"; "From Dick and Clara"; "From Walter and Annie"; "From his sister Ellie"; Edward O'Connell, Mrs. Ievers, Mrs. Grant, Miss Moorhead, Misses Thornburgh, and Mr. Hardy, and the Church Lads' Brigade.

Much sympathy is felt with the family and relatives of the deceased, who was for many years a prominent and much-respected citizen, and whose sons are zealous workers in all that makes for the benefit of the city, and especially of its young people.

Mrs. McCutcheon and family desire to return their most sincere thanks to Miss Caffrey, who presided at the organ; also to the officers of the Church Lads' Brigade.

## WOMEN AS COUNTY COUNCILLORS

When a motion was made in the House of Lords yesterday to go into Committee on the Qualifications of Women (County and Borough Council) Bill, Lord Balfour moved that the measure should be referred to a Select Committee. This was, however, opposed by the Earl of Crewe, on behalf of the Government, who remarked that no sufficient reason had been advanced for adopting this exceptional procedure.

Viscount Milner, Lord Lansdowne, Lord Londonderry, and others having spoken,

The Lord Chancellor expressed the view that the inevitable result of the motion being carried would be the destruction of the Bill.

The adjournment of the debate was agreed to without a division.

## ON THE GRAND JURY.

Mr. John O'Dowd has been summoned by the High Sheriff of County Sligo (Mr. Bernard Collery, ex-M.P.) to serve on the Grand Jury at the Sligo Summer Assizes, commencing on the 8th July. This is the first time in Ireland that the Chairman of a County Council has been asked to serve on a Grand Jury. Mr. O'Dowd has been for nine years elected Chairman of Sligo County Council.

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