

## PPAWHITE YOUTH'S SUCCESS.

er William Hayes, son of Mr. Hayes, Pappawhite, and boy clerk in the Land session Office, Dublin, has, as the result of recent competitive examination for clerkships been awarded first place in all Ireland, and seventh place in the United Kingdom. There were 387 candidates for 100 places. We congratulate says the "Clonmel Herald" our young countryman on his very notable success.

## THE WEATHER-BEATEN ANCIENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Guardians of the Kilrush Union on Monday held a lengthened revision of the outdoor administered by them throughout the year which is a considerable item, as has often referred to by the auditor in his report. Although three or four hours had been in the effort of "knocking out" or clearing up the old, yet in the end the same things remained to all intents and purposes as before. These poor people are described by the Guardians of the respective divisions as 'feeble,' very blind, and 'blind entirely.' Frank Griffin went one better in describing them as 'weather-beaten ancients of antiquity,' which brought forth much laughter. Relieving Officer Downes, of Carrigrohane district, said he was appointed to this position twenty-six years ago, and some of the old Guardians claiming the attention of the Guardians on Monday were then on the books. Mr. Ryan said he certainly should remain as their old age increases, while Mr. Downes was entitled to his pension also.

## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

According to "Kemp's Mercantile Gazette," the number of Failures recorded in Ireland during the week ending August 24th, was 7, viz.:—Newruptcy Proceedings, published in the "Dublin Herald," 2; Decree of Arrangement filed at the Bills Office, 5. The respective numbers in the corresponding week of last year were: Bankruptcies, 1; Decree of Arrangement, 1—total, 4, being a net increase in Bankruptcies of 4, and a net increase in Decree of Arrangement in 1907, to date, of 11. The number of Bills of Sale published in Ireland the same week, was 5. The number in the corresponding week of last year was 5 also, showing no variation, being a net decrease in 1907, to date, of 1.

The number of Bonds and Judgments published the week ending August 24th was 70, of which 35 against Traders, and 35 against Farmers and Non-Traders. The numbers in the corresponding week of last year were 22 against Traders, and 39 against Farmers and Non-Traders, showing an increase of 13 against Traders, and a decrease of 4 against Farmers and Non-Traders, being a net decrease in 1907, to date, of 8.

The number of mortgages and charges (Debentures) registered by Limited Companies in Ireland during the week ending August 24th, amounted to £6,750. The total amount registered in 1907, to date, was £511,380 (in addition to the issues in four years by the same Companies), as compared with £594,233 for the corresponding weeks in 1906, being a decrease of £82,853.

quest that these minutes may be returned to them when no longer required by the County Council.

## BROKEN HONEYMOON.

An unusually exciting experience has befallen Levi Hicks, a caretaker, who married in New York, a second wife thirty years his junior.

Hicks has six children, all grown up and married. For some reason they resented their father's matrimonial adventure, and manifested their disapproval with such thoroughness that, as Mr. Hicks told an interviewer, she now 'feels like a bale of hay without the middle hoop.' This is her story of what happened:—

"We were on our wedding feast, with the undertaker who buried the first Mrs. Hicks as toastmaster, when we heard a heavy pounding at the door. Suddenly it burst open, and in rushed my husband's children. They seized Hicks' portrait, which was hanging on the wall, and broke it over his head, the frame pinning his hands to his sides. Then they chased me, and I rushed to the window, but I could not squeeze through. When half-way they thrashed me unmercifully, and finally managed to push me on the roof, where I was rescued by a neighbour. They broke everything they could lay their hands on, broke all the pictures, smashed up the furniture, and wrecked the whole flat."

Mrs. Hicks, who declares that she will never be driven from the side of Mr. Hicks, met her husband through a matrimonial agency. "He tried three before he took me," she said naively, patting the head of a poodle which, in the graphic words of a New York reporter, is "built on the cantilever plan, with his legs so far apart that he was swagging near the equator."

## SUDDEN DEATH IN NENAGH.

Nenagh, Monday.

On Sunday a young man named Thomas Quigley, of Wolfe Tone terrace, who was in the employment of Mr. Richard Dagg, at his mineral water factory, was seized with a pain and expired a few hours after. Drs. Minnitt and Johns were called in, but their efforts to relieve the poor fellow proved fruitless. The Rev. Fr. Donnelly, C.C., was in prompt attendance, and administered the last rites of the Church before the young man expired.

## DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN

I am informed (says our Glin correspondent), that Mrs. Sullivan, nee Dalton, who died on Saturday in the village of Athea, Co. Limerick, had reached the great age of 101 years. During her long life spent in the parish in which she died, she enjoyed splendid health, and up to last April had all along been able to attend Mass every week.

Losing control of his machine, a cyclist named Joseph Bayes, houseboy to the Earl of Altamont, collided with a brake at Haslemere, being fatally injured.

Fined 21s and costs.

THE NEW ACT.

Mr. Bierne, D.I., charged Maiden Street, with a breach of the Licensing Act.

Mr. John Condon, solicitor, Constable Dudley (examinee) July 21st, he entered the licence defendant, and asked why the licence and she said the door to the premises. He returned and entered the premises, and asked for traces of drinks there, and she refused them by saying she had traces of Dromcollogher.

Cross-examined—The case was heard under the new Act. There were traces of grocery and spirits, shuttered where bread, etc., was sold. I shut off, the door of which was people whom he saw were spirits and groceries, and none of the premises. They stood at the door.

Mr. Condon said this was a new Act passed last session, and the whole premises should be structurally separated from the premises. He contended the door open she was guilty. But merely handed out the groceries people did not come in and she was not guilty.

Mr. French said the meaning was that they cannot sell a whole place should be closed. I put a stop to the selling of drinks under the guise of selling other goods.

Mr. Condon appealed for a second time, the first case brought there.

A fine of 5s. was imposed.

## "HOME, SWEET HOME"

The cottage in the Long Island hampton, which inspired John Payne to write "Home; Sweet Home" from destruction. There was a small, simple dwelling, which being torn down to make way for a new one, but it has been rescued by a purchaser who, out of a wide-sentiment attaching to the house, serve its exterior just as it had been. Payne lived there as a boy. "national hymn of the heart" has been called, was not born in New York, but his father moved to Easthampton, or villages of Long Island ridge, shining white beach of the "Sweet Home" was written by John Payne was on his way to Africa post of United States Consul. He had been a homeless wanderer for deep longing for the simple life. well have swept over his head a ballad. The house, covered with wistaria and ivy, stands in Easthampton, and though it shows its low-ceilinged rooms, crevices, ways, and garret beneath its roof, an air of neglect has been given it, not a line of its architectural since it was built.