

made, it is believed, have just been completed by a Lynn shoe firm for the use, in ritualistic work, of a Boston (U.S.) Masonic Lodge. The sandals are valued at 1,500 dollars, and are marvels in the art of shoemaking. In shape they are like the ordinary sandal, but they are made entirely of gold leaf, thousands of pieces of the leaf going to the making. Gold leaf was used to make them as pliable as possible. The buckles are of solid gold. The sandals weigh a little less than three ounces each.

## “ THE CITY OF TWO SIEGES.”

O City of the filthy streets,  
Where many a poisonous dose is,  
Where refuse heaps the traveller greets  
Each whiff—tuberculosis.  
More deadly than in time of old  
The slaughter at thy sieges,  
The noxious fumes that now unfold  
Old Limerick's suffering lieges.  
But lately came a gracious dame  
On mercy's healing mission,  
From far Ebla's walls to open  
Our latest exhibition.  
Alack! alas! it came to pass  
No sooner had she left us,  
Her gracious counsel and advice  
Was soon, too soon, bereft us.  
And though forsooth she told the truth  
And we gave a clamorous greeting,  
She went elsewhere—to our despair  
Result was transient—fleeting.  
For still from out each open door  
Come pails and grievous splashes,  
And e'en to-day we pick our way  
Through vile and odorous mashes.

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## CLARE RETURNING OFFICER

At the adjourned half yearly meeting of the Clare County Council held yesterday, pursuant to advertisement applications were received from candidates for the important position of Returning Officer to carry out the forthcoming elections. The candidates were Mr. John Lynch, Latoun, and Mr. John Galvin, who were the contestants for the position at the last election, when Mr. Lynch was returned. The voting was—Lynch, 14; Galvin, 10. Mr. Lynch was consequently declared elected.

## OLD WOMAN SHOCKINGLY BURNED.

Anne O'Neill, 80, died in Barrington's Hospital this morning from burns received through her clothes igniting. The woman, who lived in Mardylke, was sitting at the hearth last night when her garments took fire, and before assistance was rendered by a man named John O'Gorman she was shockingly charred.

An inquest was held on the remains by Mr. Coroner DeCourcy this evening, when a verdict of death from burns was returned.

## DIOCESE OF LIMERICK

It is announced that the Rev. Timothy Curtin, P.P. Cappa, is to be translated to the more important parish of Croom, and the Rev. Timothy

Captain O'Brien presided at the Limerick No 2 Council meeting to-day. Mr. Madden enquired whether the eight scheme of cottages inquiry would be held.

The Clerk replied that the enquiry would be held about the end of the month.

Mr. Madden said the labourers had been complaining about the delay, and blaming the Council for it.

The Clerk said everything possible had been done to expedite the matter, and no blame could be attached to anyone.

The matter was not further discussed.

## FOUND DEAD ON THE ROADSIDE

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

James O'Brien, a former resident of Glin, was found dead on the roadside near Ardagh, having evidently succumbed to the intense cold which has prevailed since the frost again set in.

## LIMERICK AND CLARE FARMERS' CLUB

### Lecture To-day

This afternoon Professor T. C. Mason of the Department of Agriculture, lectured at the Limerick and Clare Farmers' Club on "Diseases in Cattle." The chairman was the President of the Club, Mr. P. Finucane, and there was more than an average attendance of members to hear the address, which was illustrated by diagrams.

Professor Mason said clubs such as the one he was addressing should prove of great service to the country, and he had been afforded practical proof of this at the meeting of the Killare Farmers' Club, which he had addressed quite recently. The spread of science and the knowledge of scientific methods had accomplished much and would accomplish more by the co-operation of those to whom he was speaking, and for whose information the Department had organised these lectures through the country. He was in Denmark, France, and other continental countries, and he saw the good that had been done there by the education of the people and the assistance of the Government. In this country the same effort was also being made but any attempt to teach the farmers of Ireland what they required would be absolutely useless unless the farmers bettered themselves, and looked for what was necessary to secure improved methods of farming. The farmers should ventilate their needs and put them before the Department, which then would confer with them and see between them what were the most suitable means to provide what was necessary. Professor Mason then proceeded with his lecture, incidentally remarking that there were 2½ millions of milch cows in Ireland, and that the prevention of one disease, causing premature calving, would save the country a quarter of a million of money annually.

At the close a unanimous vote of thanks was heartily passed to Professor Mason.

## CONCILIATION BOARD'S ELECTIONS.

### Action of the Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade, in a letter to Mr. Bell, M.P., state that it is their desire that the approaching nominations and elections to the Boards be conducted without

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