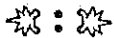


perceived by advertisement that the general meeting of the Limerick Nurses will be held at 3 o'clock next Wednesday noon in the Chamber of Commerce. This association, which was inaugurated in the jubilee year, is a charity which commends itself to the citizens very heartily. The carrying on a work of the highest usefulness, and we hope to see on Friday next a very large attendance of the Society to testify by their presence and appreciation of this excellent Association deserves the fullest sympathy of the city disposed.



Flies and Disease.

We are reminded in the "Medical Review" that flies are the disseminators of disease. We are approaching the season when these vermin usually enter upon their active career, and when people, anxious to avoid disease, ought to take precautions to prevent their onslaught. The most productive source of flies is in collections of horse manure, other dust and refuse heaps set in a but minor degree. Rooms, with dirty ceilings, or where crumbs are scattered about, and open windows are all favourable to them. Flies or no flies, manure heaps should not be permitted in proximity to residences, nor should accumulations of filth or dirt be allowed in towns. Housekeepers should also keep their houses spotlessly clean, their floors free from crumbs. But as to open windows, what are they to do? Plenty of fresh air is supposed to be the chief health-giving factor, but are we to deprive ourselves of fresh air in the home in order to prevent the ingress of the flies?



Great Balloon Competition.

A remarkable competition in its way is that which is being organised by the Aero Club in conjunction with the Conference of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale. An English temporary dubs it the "Balloon Derby," and so, as 31 balloons have been entered for the point-to-point race, which takes place on the 10th of this month. This number considerably beats the records for any previous race, the countries represented are Great Britain 12 balloons; France, 10; Belgium, 5; Germany, 3, and Switzerland, 1. The United States, it appears, does not compete. The start is to be made from the Hurlingham Club, the winner to be the competitor who gets nearest to a point in the Organising Committee of the Aero Club will fix upon on the morning of the competition when it is ascertained in what direction the wind is blowing. We learn from the "Evening Standard" that five prizes are offered—namely (1) a subject of art worth £50, (2) a cup presented by Sir Thomas Lipton, (3) a cup presented by Thomas Dewar, Bar., and (4 and 5) medals. Competition to all competitors.

given by Mrs. Lucas. By kind permission of Colonel Bryce Stewart and officers, the Band of the Royal Munster Fusiliers will attend.

BLOCK-PAVING SCHEME

Acting on a suggestion of the Local Government Board the City Surveyor has submitted an amended schedule of streets to take precedence in the block-paving scheme initiated by the Corporation, and for which a loan of £25,000 is required. The area to be paved under the amended schedule embraces 17,957 square yards at an estimated expenditure of £12,569 15s. 6d., and includes the following streets—Lock Quay, Dock Road, Carey's Road, Boherbuoy, Nelson street, Roxborough Road, Wickham street, Matthew Bridge, Rutland street, Patrick street, and Sarsfield Bridge. These the City Surveyor observes are the most troublesome to keep clean and the most costly to keep in repair. The matter will come before the Improvement Committee on Wednesday evening for approval.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN CREAGH.

We regret to record the death which took place yesterday at his residence, 9, Osington Terrace, Thomondgate, of Mr. John Creagh, who was for a number of years chief accountant to Messrs. John Quin and Co., Patrick street. The deceased gentleman who was in his 70th year, had been in failing health for some time past. Two of his sons, Revs. Thomas and John Creagh are priests of the Redemptorist Order, and with these and the other members of his family, including his sons-in-law, Mr. D. Finn, City Treasurer, and Mr. P. Nash, the sympathy of a wide circle of friends is expressed in their bereavement. The funeral will take place on Monday at 11 o'clock after Requiem High Mass.

Votes of Condolence.

At a meeting of the Estimates Committee presided over by the Mayor last night, resolutions of condolence were passed with the Rev. John Creagh C.S.S.R. and the Rev. Thomas Creagh C.S.S.R. on the death of their father Mr. John Creagh, and Mr. J. F. Egan City Sword Bearer Dublin on the death of his wife.

LIMERICK INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.

Fourth Meeting.

The next meeting to be addressed on the Irish revival movement will take place at Raheen on Sunday, 17th inst., at 11 a.m.

THE CHURCH.

TRALEE PARISH.

At the closing of the ambulance class held at the Church Schoolhouse, Tralee, on Monday evening, the members presented Mr. A. A. Hargrave with a handsome silver inkstand, in grateful acknowledgment of his work during the session. Canon Foley, who made the presentation, spoke warmly of the ability and value of Dr. Hargrave's instruction, and the cheerfulness with which he had freely devoted his time and energies to the work of the class. Dr. Hargrave made an eloquent and appropriate reply, speaking very strongly of the way in which he had been helped and supported by the members.

CHORAL FESTIVAL.

The annual Choral Festival will be held in St. Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe, on Wednesday, 3rd June. It is hoped that all the choirs will

Limerick, which was recently postponed, has now been definitely cancelled.

Lady O'Connor, widow of Sir Nicholas O'Connor the late British Ambassador at Constantinople, has returned to England. She has taken a small house at Wimbledon for a few months.

We understand that Mr. Ralph Nash, solicitor has been appointed Registrar to the new County Court Judge, Mr. P. Law Smith, K.C. Among the legal profession and the public the appointment is a very popular one. Mr. Nash's appointment was sanctioned by the Lord Chancellor yesterday.

The Corporation, sitting as a Whole House Committee, met last night for the consideration of the rates for the current half-year. The estimate is that the rates will be practically the same as those of the half-year just past, or with in a fraction of it.

Another cattle drive is reported to have taken place off the Gregory Cowle estate, two miles from Gort, Co. Galway. The farms of three small tenants were cleared, and their stock given up to them.

ACTION AGAINST SIR T. C. O'BRIEN.

Remarkable Cork Case.

Yesterday, in the King's Bench Division before Mr. Justice Gibson, in a case in which the Hon. Alexis C. B. Roche, of Assok Kanturk, Co. Cork, is plaintiff, and Sir Timothy C. O'Brien, of Lahout Castle, Cecilstown, Mallo is defendant.

Mr. Cecil Atkinson (instructed by Messrs. O'Connor and Dudley) applied for discovery documents on behalf of the plaintiff, who seeks to recover £3,000 damages for alleged slander arising out of certain words used by the defendant at a meet of the Duballow Foxhounds on the 7th March last, reflecting on plaintiff's honesty and integrity.

Defendant in his defence denied that he spoke the words complained of, and further pleads that they did not bear the defamatory sense imputed to them, and further, that the words were disseminated, taken in their natural and ordinary significance, were true in substance and in fact. The defence also set out occasions, going back as far as 1891, when plaintiff, who described himself as a dealer in horses for profit, alleged to have been concerned in certain transactions which defendant impugned.

The motion for discovery was granted.

SAD DROWNING FATALITY

At Arthur's Quay.

A very sad boating fatality occurred yesterday afternoon about six o'clock at Arthur's Quay. It appears that three youths were boating "breaavn" when the craft upset and the occupants were precipitated into the water. The tide was at full, and an excited crowd collected. A boat put out to the rescue, and Mr. William M. Gaire jumped into the river with the object. Two of the youths were successfully got into the boat, but the third, Stephen Sheehan (17), was drowned; the sad occurrence being intensified through the fact of its taking place in view of Sheehan's relatives, who live on the quay overlooking the river. The body was recovered half an hour later.

The Inquest—Bravery Extolled.

An inquest of which Mr. Matthew McInerney, T.O., was foreman, was held to-day by Mr. DeCourcy, City Coroner, at 16 Arthur's Quay, into the circumstances attending the death of the boy, Stephen Sheehan, who was drowned in the Shannon last evening.