

inghouse was laughed at by all his friends when he told them about his wonderful brake. He told Commodore Vanderbilt, the greatest railroader of his day, and explained his invention to him. But Vanderbilt was not to be persuaded to invest in it. "What," he said, "do you mean to tell me you can stop a train by wind?" "Yes," was the answer. "I can." Commodore Vanderbilt shook his head. "Go away!" he said, "I've no time to waste on you." George Westinghouse went away, but he determined to try his invention elsewhere, with ultimate success all the world knows to-day. Though he is over sixty, Mr. Westinghouse is still inventing new inventions, and his interest in things connected with railways remains as keen as ever.

COOKS IN DEMAND.

According to the current number of the Board of Labour Gazette, the demand for cooks and housemaids was in excess of the supply, and the demand for housekeepers, ladies' maids, and women's nurses, and companions in excess of the supply.

PRINCESS PATRICIA.

Wednesday was the twenty-third birthday of Princess Patricia of Connaught, who is now in Egypt with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Prince Arthur. It was a happy coincidence that the princess should have been born on St. Patrick's Day, and therefore received the name of Patricia, her father has always been closely identified with the Emerald Isle. Princess 'Patsy,' as she is known in the home circle, is one of the handsomest and most popular of our English Princesses.

LORD LUCA'S VANDYKES.

Lord Lucas, whose loan of his nine magnificent vandykes to the National Gallery has attracted so much attention, inherited these treasures of art with title and two splendid country seats, at the death of his uncle the seventh and last Earl Cowper. Pictures hung for a century in the family mansion in St. James's Square, and were afterwards transferred to Panshanger, Herts, where they adorned the great dining room. Judging by the quality of the many inferior examples of Vandyke's art recently fetched from £10,000 to £15,000 these splendid portraits are probably worth any sum Lord Lucas might choose to ask for them.

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At Pau, where King Edward has seen the aeroplanes, the Court residence of the old Kings of France. The view from the terrace there is said to be superior to the view of the Alps from the palace at Berne. Though it is a health resort nowadays, it was not always so regarded, for when Marguerite, the sister of Francis I., went to live there as the wife of Henri II., the physicians attended her against the inclement climate, saying that "le gros air du pays lui seroit mortel." The queen, however, did not find it so, and among those

exhibition, held under the auspices of the Association in 1904, which resulted, as the Chairman stated, and as evidenced by the balance sheet, in a net profit of, approximately, £1500 balance in favour of the Association after all expenses had been duly paid.

The Chairman then went into details in explanation of various important points. Messrs Halpin, Geary, Farrell, Enright, Kirby, O'Callaghan, and others having offered their views.

On the proposition of Mr. Enright, seconded by Mr. Kirby, and carried unanimously, it was resolved—That this general meeting of the Limerick Industrial Association decides to hold an Exhibition this year, and that the committee be authorised to go ahead.

In the event of the committee having a favourable report to make, which, it may be said, is exceedingly probable, a further general meeting is to be summoned in the near future to lay the whole matter again before the members.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the President, Mr. A. W. Shaw; Mr. W. J. Stoker, J.P. High Sheriff; Mr. W. W. Bailey, &c.

DEATH OF MR. E. J. MURRAY.

We regret to announce the demise of a venerable and popular citizen, Mr. Edward J. Murray, which took place on Sunday at his residence, Upper Mallow street, after a long illness. His death snaps one of the few remaining with ties of the past two generations of citizens. Mr. Murray was a very capable musician, and was organist at one of the local churches for a number of years. His instruments were the violin and pianoforte, and he was also largely engaged in the teaching of vocal music, some of the most pleasing and successful of our local amateurs of a past generation or so being among his pupils. Two of his sons, one of whom was the late Mr. John P. Murray, well-known in Waterford, Cork, and other Irish cities, also followed the profession of their father.

FATAL STREET BRAWL.

The Leeds City Coroner concluded yesterday the inquest on Peter Devitt, 29, who was knocked down during a street brawl on Saturday, February 27, and died from the injuries received. Three brothers, George Earls, Martin Earls, and Michael Earls were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the affair. After hearing the evidence of a spectator of the fight, the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against George and Martin Earls, but found there was no evidence against Michael Earls.

GAME PROSECUTION AT NENAGH.

At Nonsagh Petty Sessions on Saturday before Captain Poe, (in the chair), C. M. Carroll, James Meagher, George O'Leary, T. B. Atkinson, Dr. Courtney, Major Wolfe, and Col. Bayly,

The Kilnane Coursing Club had two men named William Fitzpatrick, B.R. road, and Martin Morkan, Turapike, charged with unlawfully going on the lands, with a terrier, of Rathaleen, the property of Michael Gayner, and there took

Cooperation. Mr. Holliday did not desire to go to the Town Hall, it was the clear duty of the Corporation to attend at the Gas Office. Mr. Holliday said he had to meet the members of the Mr. Ryan—Is it quite nothing like the City Council and the Corporation. The Mayor—That is so. Mr. Ryan—If there was to be at war with the consumers (I oughter). As this is the most convenient conference, where we have at hand.

On the suggestion of the Corporation to be issued to the Corporation in writing their offices, on a date to be the entire question bearing on a carburetted water gas plant.

REPORT OF DI

The following was presented to the Corporation of Carburetted Water Gas Works:—

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the resolution passed by the Corporation on the 16th inst. His Worship the Mayor, the Council, Mr. T. Ryan, Mr. and the Engineer, at a meeting held on the 1st inst. for the purpose of inspecting particularly relative to the Gas Plant, now in operation at the Belfast Corporation Gas Station, a meeting was held at the most courteous manner of Mr. R. Sharp, Esq., C.E., who has spent an hour and a half in the first place, the full details of the plant in the most satisfactory manner. During the interview questions were put by the Engineer, (R. Sharp, Esq.) each and every one, without any hesitation. We have with questions put and the answers:

Question I.—How long has the plant been in operation?

Answer—About twelve months.

Question II.—Had you any trouble in the introduction of the C.W. gas?

Answer—Nothing worth mentioning.

Question III.—What pressure do you supply?

Answer—Our average pressure is 1.5 lbs.

Question IV.—What quantity of gas is produced per 1,000 cubic feet of gas?

Answer—About 21 cubic feet.

Question V.—What is the cost of the gas produced by C.W. gas?

Answer—About 22½ cents per cubic foot.

Question VI.—What is the cost of C.W. gas?

Answer—This is a question which embraces many important points.

(1) The availability of the gas, or other cause, put into full operation in very small ground spaces as compared with coal gas. (2) The cost of expenditure. (3) The cost of naphthalene troubles in the distribution of gas.