

cession of the law, but in his case says "Law Journal") literature soon claimed her child for her own, and he never drew or pleaded from a brief. His was no divided allegiance as that of his great predecessor, Fielding, who was none the less the greatest law reformer of his age because he was its greatest novelist. George Meredith was neither lawyer nor law reformer, though he protested powerfully in his criticism of life against the unequal condition of our divorce laws for the two sexes. In his philosophic sublimity he did not perhaps do justice to the value of the institutions by which alone the progress of society can be ordered and stable. If, however, he had not the legal mind, he had what is greater—the power to inspire ideals of humanity and social progress which is the final aim of the law to advance.

NEWS-NOTES AND NOTIONS.

LIGHT UP.

Cyclists and others liable to prosecution under the Lights on Vehicles Act should light up to-night at 9.6. To-morrow night at 9.8, and, on Thursday at 9.9.

A BAD FLAX YEAR.

The Irish Department gives the total yield of flax in Ireland for the past season as 1,267,489 stones—only 27 stones per statute acre—or mere than 21 per cent. under the average yield for the ten years 1898-1907.

WHAT A COCKROACH DID.

A cockroach which had crawled into the switch gear caused a failure of the electric light supply at Plymouth by diverting a current of 2,000 volts, says an English contemporary coldly. Not a word about what happened to the cockroach, you notice.

NEARLY TOO LATE.

The ignoble public may thank its stars, certainly not itself, says the "Saturday Review," that it just escaped treating George Meredith as it treated John Davidson. At the end of his life—only not too late—Meredith's wit and epigram was able to pierce the hide of the ungainly pachyderm. It took fifty years to get through.

FOND OF FOOTBALL.

At the annual hirings for farm servants in Nottingham the wages asked for and obtained showed a slight increase as compared with a year ago. Some of the men demanded, and were granted, a half-holiday on Saturdays in the winter months in order to witness or take part in football matches—a concession which has hitherto never been heard of.

WHISKY IN THE HOUSE.

Colonel Lockwood, acting Chairman of the House

The body of a farmer named Thomas Cousins, aged about 45, of Ballyoile, who had been missing for about a month, was found on the strand close to his house, near Dungarvan, on Saturday morning. Deceased leaves a wife and family.

It is officially announced that the following amongst other new second-class Excise Districts are established—Adare, Dingle, Castleisland, and Abbeyfeale (Limerick collection). Mr. Grisdale, second-class officer, Keswick, Carlisle, is transferred to Adare, Mr. H. Dunn, second-class officer, Heesle, Yorkshire, is transferred to Abbeyfeale.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place quietly on August 3rd, between the Rev. Britain Longtree, M.A., eldest son of William B. Longtree, Ballinabinch, Co. Galway, and Marguerite Violet Gwendoline (Pearl), youngest daughter of the late Rev. J. H. Griffith, D.D., Rector of Ennis and Clare Abbey, and of Mrs. Griffith, Bindon street, Ennis, Co. Clare.

It will be perceived by advertisement that in connection with the Mercer's and Orthopedic Bazaar, Dublin, return tickets at single fares to the Metropolis will be issued from all G.S. & W.R. stations by to-morrow (Wednesday) morning's trains. On Thursday next a special train will leave Limerick for Charleville Races at 11 a.m. For particulars see posters.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM COLBERT, J.P.

Our Glin correspondent regrets to announce the death of Mr. William Colbert, J.P., Athea, the sad event taking place yesterday. The deceased gentleman, who was a most upright and impartial magistrate, was a large farmer and a successful breeder of horses. Much sympathy is expressed with his family in their great sorrow.

HALF-HOLIDAY CYCLING CLUB.

There will be no club-run on Thursday next owing to St. Munchin's College Sports being held that afternoon.

GAS COMMITTEE.

The Mayor presided at the meeting of the Gas Committee to-day. The other members present were—Messrs. T. Ryan, B.C., J. Kerr, B.C., and W. Lloyd, with the Secretary, Mr. M. Fitzgerald, and Mr. H. Hawkins, Engineer. The business transacted was of a purely departmental character.

ROSSLARE AND THE MAILS.

Mr. Buxton informed Mr. John Murphy that the advantages afforded by the Fishguard and Rosslare route for forwarding the American mails had from time to time received his careful consideration. The route possessed facility for the conveyance of mails of small bulk, and was already being used for the conveyance of American mails from the South and West of England and from South Wales.

HOSPITAL CASES.

Three ex-privates who were sentenced to Private Carey on Max sentence, was afterwards to one of 15 years' per yesterday at Pretoria.

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