

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE THURSDAY

Napoleon Bonaparte to Pius VII, and contains the largest emerald in the world, and the other was the gift of Queen Isabella of Spain to Pius XI, and weighs 3lb, and is worth £200,000.

A PLEASANT POSITION.

In the kingdom of Poland there was formerly a custom according to which any person found guilty of a crime was compelled to walk on all fours through the streets of the town where he lived accompanied by a dog on a leash, as a sign that he was disgraced and unworthy of the name of man. At the next public trial the delinquent was forced to appear crawling on all fours on his hands and knees underneath the banquetting table and barking like a dog. Every guest was at liberty to give him as many kicks as he chose, and any who had been slandered must towards the end of the banquet throw a picked bone at the culprit, who, catching it up with his mouth, would leave the room on all fours.

CATCHING DRAGON FLIES.

Catching dragon flies has been for hundreds of years the favourite sport of Japanese children. With nets of osamer, or female decoys fastened to slender rods, they hunt their elfish quarry, themselves a part of a swarm of chirping demi-elves. A most extraordinary device is used for catching dragon flies by the children of the province of Kii. They take a long hair—a woman's hair—and attach a very small pebble to each end of it, so as to form a nature "bolas" and this they sling high into the air. A dragon fly pounces upon the passing object at the moment that he seizes the hair twist and the body, and the weight of the pebbles brings it down to the ground.

OUT AND ABOUT.

There was no case for hearing at the Police Court this morning, and no magistrate attended. The barquentine "Venedocia" has arrived at the Pier from Liverpool with a cargo of coals. Mr. Stephen Fegum, J.P.

The Tipperary Royal Field Reserve Artillery, consisting of 4 officers and 234 other ranks are in training at Glenbeigh Camp.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire may spend a few weeks at Lismore Castle, County Waterford at the close of the London season.

Particulars as to the Great Southern and

CO. LIMERICK GIRL'S TRAGIC DEATH, NEAR CHARLEVILLE.

AN ARREST.

The Charleville correspondent of the "Examiner" writes—On Monday week, 12th inst.; two sisters named Gayer, daughters of a small shopkeeper at Feenagh, Co. Limerick, visited Charleville. Early in the afternoon they were about to leave for home. One of them, Bridget, about 18 years of age, left her sister at the northern end of the Main street and returned presumably to do further shopping. After some time, when she did not come back, her sister became anxious and went in search, but could not trace her. The sister then about 3 o'clock left for home thinking that Bridget may have gone there with some neighbours.

However, on her arrival she ascertained that Bridget had not come, and the members of the family came into Charleville to make further search; but their efforts were fruitless, and they communicated with the local police, who made inquiries, but with no better result.

Days passed and there were no tidings of the missing girl. Still, no serious notice was taken of the matter, which it was thought was capable of being reasonably explained. However, all such hopes were dispelled when, at 5 o'clock on Tuesday evening, her dead body was found in a dyke about half a mile from the town of Charleville, under conditions which are accepted to clearly indicate that she has been the victim of foul play.

The place where the body was found is midway between the public road leading from the town to the railway station and the road from the town to the Charter School, at a point in a meadow about four hundred yards from either. The spot is secluded, and is scarcely visible from either thoroughfare.

Some children first discovered the remains. The body lay face downwards, partly on the right side, with the clothes gathered to above the knees, apparently the result of having been dragged by the feet for a distance of about three yards from a point which is marked with traces of blood. The body was covered with long grass torn from the adjacent fence, and on top of the grass was laid a young tree, which had also been pulled from the fence. The body was brought to the Market-house about 9 o'clock.

The face discloses no marks, but it is stated that there is a spot of blood on the dress, but at the moment it is not known what marks, if any, are on the body, as the clothes have not been removed.

Witness said she saw a man go down the footpath on the railway station as if waiting for a train. He wore a green dress, white trimmings with white. She went down and lied with a witness said—I did not know the man, and appeared to be a man. A man came out of the gate. The girl asked the man "going this way?" that was Harrison or Buttevant road started on.

Mr. St. George—Did you see him? He did, sir, but I did not see him.

Mr. Young—Did you not see him dressed? As far as I could see he wore a grey suit, a green cap, but I did not see the clothes.

How was he wearing it? Was it pulled down? Had he any appearance of being a man? I can't say.

What sort of trousers was he wearing? The suit was the same. I did not see the trousers, but I can't say.

How old was he? I'd say he was about 20. Mr. St. George—Had he a moustache.

What colour? It was dark. What kind of build was he? How high? I can't say.

Did you notice anything about his figure? He looked tall—taller than another man. —one higher than another, but his walk was like that.

Mr. Young—Did you see him in the barrack yard this morning? I know if it is the man; I saw him on the road, but I can't say. Did you point out the man?

Witness said she pointed out the man amongst three others in the barrack yard, having the appearance of a man.

Did you look back after the man (and girl) on the road? I did not look back. The Buttevant (Castle Hill) hands joined together.

The articles worn by the man were submitted to witness for identification. The hat and boots were those worn by the deceased. The jacket and dress as they were wearing.

Accused declined to appear. Mr. Young applied for a warrant, which was granted.