

The Speaker, in his prudence, would not venture to forecast the form in which various aspects of the Franchise question might be presented to the House. His remarks as to the rapidity with which such things change their shape should be taken to heart by prophets everywhere, writes the *London Evening Standard*. Yet it is safe enough to say that the prospects of the Franchise Bill are not bright. Mr. Asquith himself may be wishing he had taken some other course, though he is hard to move from a position once taken up. His friends are fearing for him more than he appears to fear for himself. While Mr. Lloyd George loyally defended him against the rather reckless aspersions of the Suffragists, the Government Press shows its nervousness at his procedure with unusual frankness. The *Chronicle* pursues its career of foreboding, and calls for the immediate withdrawal of the Bill. Soon or late, withdrawal will, no doubt, be its fate. Ignominious perhaps, but an excellent example of how the best-laid plans are apt to defeat themselves!

OUT AND ABOUT.

Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., attended at the City Police Court, to-day. There was no case for hearing.

After over thirty years' connection with the G. S. and W. R. Mr. O'Keefe, stationmaster at Rathmore, has just retired on pension, and intends to reside in Limerick.

In the report of the speech of the Chairman of the Provincial Bank, at the Shareholders meeting on Wednesday, the phrase occurred "During the 30 years of the bank's existence." This should have continued "as a Limited Liability Co."

James Gavin, Pat Kelly, and Michael Clancy were, at Ennis on Thursday, again remanded on a charge of firing at and wounding Mr. M. A. Macnamara, B.L., at Leannalehy on January 4. Bail was allowed in the case of the prisoner Clancy.

Owners of motor cars and motor cycles will see by County Council advertisement published in another column that they are bound to take out licenses for current year on or before 31st instant, after which date persons failing to comply with the Act are liable to prosecution.

The Munster Women's Franchise League announce a public meeting in the Town Hall, on Thursday, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of explaining the aims and objects of the Association. Miss Day, P.L.G., Cork; and Miss Cowen, Birr; will attend specially to address the meeting.

DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL O'HALLORAN

Our obituary column this evening contains a notice of the death of Mr. Michael O'Halloran, builder and contractor, who died yesterday at his residence, Sexton Street, after a somewhat protracted illness. Mr. O'Halloran was an old and much respected citizen, and well and favourably known in the city. Funeral from St. Michael's R.C. Church to-morrow at 3 p.m. for Mount St. Vincent Cemetery.

contrary with perfect naturalness, and in this way the charm of the works was enhanced. Mr. E. B. Duggan as "Jeremiah Dempsey" was a conspicuous success, while the part of his amiable wife was played with dignity and effect by Miss M. E. O'Driscoll. The minor roles were admirably sustained and left nothing to be desired. The "Peter Gillans" of Mr. J. Gubbins, in "Cathleen ni Houlihan," was a fine and impressive study, and one which appealed to the house. Mrs. O'Donovan gave a characteristic interpretation of "The Poor Old Woman." She made the very most out of the essentials at her command, and was always a success. The smaller roles were likewise agreeably impersonated. Sandwiched between the plays was a concert programme, the contributors to which were:—Miss L. Clendillon, Miss R. Hurley, Mrs. Crofton, Messrs. P. McMahon, G. Duke, Sean MagFloinn, and the members of the Gaelic League Choir.

THE NEW MAYOR.

In accordance with the usual custom observed after Mayoral elections, the newly-elected Chief Magistrate, Alderman O'Donovan, accompanied by the Town Clerk, Mr. W. M. Nolan, J.P., paid an official visit yesterday to his Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer at the Palace, Corbally, and the Ven. the Archdeacon of Limerick, Commissary for Right Rev. Dr. O'Keefe, who is abroad, and received their congratulations. The Mayor also called on Mr. John Daly, and paid a visit of condolence to Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill, whose sister, Rev. Mother Gertrude, a member of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy, Limerick, died yesterday, to the great regret of the Community. The deceased lady was youngest sister of Mrs. O'Brien.

The Mayor desires it to be known that for the convenience of the public who may wish to consult him on official business that it is his intention, as far as possible, to attend at his office, Town Hall, daily about 11 o'clock, in order to deal with such matters as may be brought before him.

At a special meeting of the past members of the Shamrock Football Club, a resolution was proposed by Mr. Joseph Heffernan, and seconded by Mr. Bernard Waddams, conveying to Alderman Philip O'Donovan their heartiest congratulations on his election to the civic chair.

CATHOLIC LITERARY INSTITUTE.

Professor W. P. Stookley, University College, Cork, lectured last night at the Limerick Catholic Literary Institute on "The Bacon-Shakespeare Question." Rev. J. O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's, presided, and the lecture was a very interesting and rather humorous one. The thanks of the audience present were conveyed to the lecturer at the close.

DEATH OF A RELIGIEUSE.

The death of Sister Mary Gertrude, a member of the Order of Sisters of Mercy, and a younger sister of Mrs. O'Brien, South Hill, took place yesterday at Mount St. Vincent Convent. The remains were conveyed to St. Mary's Parochial Church last night, where they will rest until Monday morning, when, after Solemn Office and Requiem Mass for the deceased lady, they will be interred in the burial ground of the Community at Peter's Cell.

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