

rule, and all considerable majorities of voters. There are several of these systems in operation in other countries, but it appears to be the general opinion of experts that the best is that known as the Single Transferable Vote, which seems a simple as well as an expeditious process, and, as we read, renders all votes effective. Votes are used and not wasted. In this connection the fact may be recalled that there were but 43 spoilt votes in Sligo out of the 2,251 recorded. The position of the illiterate voter under the P.R. system would not be different from what it is at present. Whether, generally speaking, Proportional Representation will ever apply to Parliamentary elections remains to be seen. It will be recalled that at the recent General Election the only one in Ireland held under the P.R. scheme was that of Dublin University. At present but County Council and Municipal elections are talked of in this respect, and any developments that may take place in Parliament by way of legislation during the Session now before us will be followed with much interest by the public.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Weather.

Though for the past few days the atmosphere has been very cold, the return to dry, if harsh, atmospheric conditions is to be welcomed after a long spell of dreary, inclement weather. The change will be of decided benefit to the country in drying up sodden lands, and thus preparing the way for spring work, while from a health point of view it is certain to prove an effective antidote against sickness of one kind or another. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the improvement in the weather may continue for sometime.

Returned Prisoners of War.

We observe that a public meeting, convened by the City and County High Sheriff, is to be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of taking steps to arrange for the entertainment of returned Prisoners of War by way of a welcome on their arrival home. We feel assured there will be a large and representative attendance in support of so worthy a project, one that will be an equal pleasure to the gallant soldiers of this district who have undergone such trials as prisoners of war, and to the friends who will join in giving them the welcome home they so thoroughly deserve. A similar entertainment as that proposed in Limerick was recently held in Ennis for the returned Clare prisoners, and proved a very successful and altogether interesting function.

SHRIEVALTY OF COUNTY CLARE.

Colonel George O'Callaghan-Westropp, J.P. Lisinchane, O'Callaghan's Mills, was, on Saturday, sworn in as High Sheriff of Clare by Mr. W. H. Fogarty, solicitor; and Major F. G. Cullinan, Feighmore, Quin, Co. Clare, as Sub-Sheriff. Mr. John Cullinan, solicitor, has been appointed Returning Officer.

Incidents in the market and the comic subject, "Max at the Ball," were greatly appreciated. Tomorrow and Thursday nights "Her Official Father," a delightful story of a schoolgirl who outwitted two wily men of business, will be produced, and on Friday and Saturday "An American Live Wire" will be presented.

THE SHANNON CINEMA.

An excellent treat was provided patrons of the Shannon Cinema last night, when before crowded house, the superb photo-drama, "20,000 Leagues under the Sea," was screened. In this romantic story M. Jules Verne gives a delightfully thrilling account of submarine life. The picture is in seven reels, and the powers, dangers, and sensations of life in a submarine are drawn in detail. Another equally captivating film was "The Moon Child," an African serial which has fully justified its title of a wonderfully clever and eminently sensational picture.

DEATH OF A LIMERICK NUN.

We announce with regret the death of Mother Mary Gonzaga Kenny, of the Mercy Order, which occurred at the Convent of the Limerick Union on Sunday night, after an illness of three weeks' duration. The deceased religious was sister of Mr. Thomas H. Kenny, solicitor, 55 George-street, and had spent the greater portion of her conventual life in Limerick. She had attained her 82nd year, and during the past seventeen years she was in charge of the Union hospital, where under her care the hospital enjoyed a reputation second to none in the country. She was devoted and zealous in the discharge of her duties, and through her the sick poor had their every need zealously attended to. By her death the community loses a faithful member, and the Union hospital a devoted head and guardian.

GOVERNMENT AND SINN FEIN PRISONERS.

The Press Association says that Ministers are giving very serious consideration to the question of releasing the imprisoned Sinn Feiners. An announcement on the subject is expected at a very early date.

OUT AND ABOUT.

A scheme for the lighting of Tuam by electricity is on foot, and Mr. J. P. Tierney, C.E., will prepare plans and estimates.

The name of the Chief Secretary, Mr. Macpherson is mentioned as likely to be found in the list of the newly appointed K.C.'s.

Mr. Hugh Charde was elected principal of Cork School of Art yesterday by the Technical Committee. There were fourteen candidates.

The chairman and secretary of the Munster Vintners' Association have been in Dublin, and are crossing to London on business connected with the trade.

Mr. Wm. Webb, for many years Chief Warden in Limerick Prison, has died of pneumonia. He was a native of Co. Cork, to which the remains were removed on Saturday night.

Galway Urban Council, has unanimously passed a resolution calling for the application of Proportional Representation at next Municipal Elections.

The Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce have decided to pursue the question of the late delivery of the morning mail as mer-

Among the resolutions will be one asking you to the gratitude of my and sacrifices of those country's cause by land.

In order to reap the to safeguard the peace.

AN ADEQUATE MAIL

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PRELIMINARY

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It has also given me this country.

THE PRESIDENT STATES

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THE PEOPLES

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