

...consequence of the earlier departure of the evening trains from Limerick, and the curtailment of the hour for posting to ...m. at the General Post Office, it has been found necessary to issue the editions of the *Chronicle* at an earlier hour than hitherto. Advertisers will, therefore, please note that the latest hour at which advertisements can be received at this office on issue days is 3.30 p.m. Publication of any notices received after that hour cannot be guaranteed on that evening.

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THE WHEAT SUPPLY.

There has been a good deal of discussion in the English papers latterly as to the nation's wheat supplies. During the war area under wheat increased, but since then it has declined, so much so that the crop reached over 400,000 acres in the United Kingdom by June, 1919, and has since further declined. This is due to economic conditions; it being held that at a controlled price of 76s per quarter wheat is, of all cereals, the least profitable. Says the farmer, better to grow oats or barley, and yet wheat is the most essential of all. Extended minimum price guarantees for farmers, with a view to encouraging them to increase the supplies of home-grown wheat, have been urged as a solution of the difficulty, and, according to an announcement published in the Press a few days since, has been the subject of careful and anxious consideration of the Cabinet. Wheat-growing is manifestly a matter of vital national importance, for in this respect, as indeed in all necessities of life we must strain every nerve to increase home production, and thus be less dependent on foreign supplies than we were in pre-war days. All the more so in a world shortage of wheat is borne in mind, and the resultant keen competition that must prevail for the supplies that are available. The United States, for instance, probably require a great deal of the wheat that she produces for her increasing population, and then casting an eye at European countries we must realise the fact that it will still take some time before intensive wheat-growing districts which had to suspend operations during the war, are in a position to get back to the old order of things. Again, it is to be noted that rice as a food has hitherto been made from other cereals have latterly exhibited a taste for wheaten flour, and so it is predicted that the future European buyers will find Japan, China, and other eastern countries in competition as wheat purchasers. Prices are likely, therefore, to remain at a high level, although supplies from Russia and Rumania may be available before next year's harvest here at home has been reached.

A military escort of six soldiers was returning to its quarters near Queenstown on Saturday afternoon when it was attacked by forty men who carried revolvers. The soldiers' rifles and side arms were wrested from them, and one of them, a private named Newman in the Notts and Derby Regiment, was shot in the neck and seriously injured. The ruffians got away with the arms. Private Newman succumbed to his wounds on Sunday.

Bishop of Cloyne's Condemnation

The Most Rev Dr Browne, Roman Catholic Bishop of Cloyne, in a letter read at the weekly meeting of the Holy Family Confraternity last evening at Queenstown Cathedral, says:—"On Saturday a hideous crime was committed near our town. In broad daylight the public road leading from our main thoroughfare was reddened with innocent human blood. A small party of soldiers, on their way to their barrack, was, as you are aware, set upon by a gang of desperadoes with the silly purpose of possessing themselves of their firearms, and in the melee that followed the life of an innocent, unoffending young man was taken. It was a dreadful crime against the laws of society and of God. In the name of the order-loving Catholic people of Queenstown, and in my own, I express our abhorrence of the awful crime, and denounce it. Let us hope and pray, brethren, that our condemnation and denunciation may help to open the eyes of those desperate men who are out for crime, to see that by such wicked courses they are rivetting our chains the faster, and laying up against themselves a terrible vengeance on the great accounting day for trampling under foot the law of God."

THE LATE DR H K BENTLEY.

The remains of the late Dr H Keays Bentley arrived in Limerick on Friday evening, the 20th ult., at 9 p.m. and were met by C J Bentley, brother; Mrs W B Smith, sister; W B Smith, brother-in-law; Mrs C J Bentley, sister-in-law of the deceased; Masters Richard, Willie, and James Smith, Master Bentley, nephews; Mr and Mrs Waugh, Miss Waugh, Mr and Mrs Irwin, Miss E Keays, cousins; J F Barry, J Gilligan, and Mr Courtney. The remains were placed in St Mary's Cathedral overnight and conveyed to the family burial ground at Kileely, Broadford, on Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock. Rev Canon King officiated at the graveside.

COAL FOR IRELAND.

Tonnage Allocated

In a Dublin contemporary on Saturday it was announced that the following telegram had been received from the Shipping Controller:—

"Good, President, Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

"Your wire; 'Allice M Craig' 'Flemish,' and 'Glenmaroon,' were yesterday instructed to run continuous voyages to Ireland from South Wales. This should relieve situation; further tonnage being allocated. (Signed), Shipping Controller."

L.P.Y.M. ASSOCIATION.

Literary Class.

On Friday night in Class Room of the L.P.Y.M. Association, Mr J. F. Bennis, before a crowded audience, delivered his lecture on Astronomy, having it illustrated with some lovely lantern slides, the lantern being under the capable management of Mr J. E. Galbraith. Mr Bennis in the course of his lecture showed how wonderful the Starry Universe really is, and what interesting

State of the Court

Lord Justice O'Connor

(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

At half-past eleven o'clock this Justice O'Connor opened the Assize for this County Clare in Ennis Court Lordship was accompanied on the Bench by Wilson-Lynch, D.L., High Sheriff.

GRAND JURY.

The following were empanelled for the Assize by Mr W Healy, Clerk of the Peace—Richard J Stacpoole, D.L. (Foreman); Colonel G O Callaghan, V.L.; Colonel F St C Tottenham, D.L.; H V McNamara, D.L.; Marcus Hon E O'Brien, J.P.; R O'Brien; Stuch H Ball, J.P.; Major Jas Roche, Kelly Fitzgerald-Blood, D.L.; Marcus W I T Studdert, Bunratty; T G Studdert, Thomas F Crowe, Robert G E El McDannell, W Joynt Glynn, D.I. Brady Browne, Gilbert De Laval W O'Gorman, J.P.; Charles O Keane, D.L. Gleeson.

Addressing the Grand Jury, his Lordship Stacpoole and gentlemen of the County of Clare there are in all go before you. There is a case of case of larceny, a case of shooting to maim, a case of shooting at murder, a case of riot, another case of bigamy, and a second case of intent to murder. There are one or two cases that call for some observation infanticide is a peculiarly pitiable would suggest that you ought to find that. It is proved that a newly born child murdered by being strangled with tape; it is proved that the child was born to a child in the house the dead child was found, and the circumstances are such as to give presumption that the child was her mother was she herself that actually strangled of course, the case to a petty jury the question of criminal liability here is a case against John Flanagan with intent to maim, and there is a certain amount of suggestion that there was scarcely of mental capacity, however, a matter for you but for deal with. There are two cases of Gannassy arising out of an attack shooting party on the 4th December a party with Mr McNamara, a well-known man in this county, was attacked, if Mr McNamara is on the Grand Jury I wish to say that he is not to the proceedings in which he is concerned party were fired at by a considerable armed, some apparently with some some with other weapons bullets. In the result they were and some or all received wounds, there seems to be no clear evidence fired a shot, but I tell you that, in and forming one of that party, and firing and acting in concert with the duty to find a true bill in one of the of shooting at with intent to murder second case against him, of riot, there is prima facie evidence. In these directions, which seem to me to be dealt only with what in strictness is made up by no means sure that any objection make on the state of the county slightest public service. I can add knowledge which the Grand Jury possess in this county in which they live, nor can I condemn the lawlessness by me, in view of the abhorrence I feel for any real force to the appeals of