

but to fill a certain portion of uncertain paper."

His friend, our own Tom Moore, wrote:—

Who, that surveys this span of earth we press—

This speck of life in time's great wilderness,

This narrow isthmus 'twixt two boundless seas,

The past, the future, two eternities!

Would sully the bright spot, or leave it bare,

When he might build him a bright temple there;

A name that long shall hallow all its space,

And be each poor soul's high resting place.

Mention of a temple must recall Colley Cibber's lines: "The aspiring youth that fired the Ephesian dome outlives in fame the pious fool that raised it."

HOSTILITY.

Fame has had its hostile critics, who hadn't a good word for it.

Dante wrote: "Your fame is as the grass, whose hue comes and goes, and His might withers it by whose power it sprung from the lap of the earth"; also: "Worldly fame is nothing but a breath of wind that blows, now this way, now that, and changes name as it changes sides."

Tacitus warned the Romans: "There is no less danger from great fame as from great infamy"; and Juvenal said to them: "The thirst after fame is greater than that after virtue; for who embraces virtue if you take away its rewards?"

"The greatest can but blaze and pass away," wrote Alexander Pope; also: "What is fame? A fancied life in others' breath"; while Herrick called it: "The breath of popular applause"; and finally, Steele said this: "The way to fame is like the way to Heaven, through much tribulation."

GAVE FLOUR TO CATTLE

Francis O'Rourke, farmer, Drummerheave, Roslea, Fermanagh, was fined £5 when convicted at Roslea of feeding flour to cattle. He was also fined 40/- for having an excess quantity of flour in his possession, which was seized by the police.

to the growth of unemployment due to war conditions, the situation might be much worse. It is obvious, however, that every effort must be made to provide more, and still more, work.

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GAS DEPARTMENT.

Despite difficulties in procuring coal supplies, it would seem that the City Gas Concern continues to flourish. Well, that fact can be deduced from an official document circulated by the Corporation. This shows that for the month of July 13,118,900 cubic feet of gas were manufactured, as compared with 11,331,700 cubic feet for the corresponding month of last year. Coke sales for July totalled 406 tons, as against 286 tons for the same month in 1940. It is to be observed, too, that the demand for gas fittings is now much greater than it was a year ago. The July sales represent a cash value of £183 17s., as compared with £52 6s. for the corresponding month in 1940.

ROOSEVELT'S MOTHER DEAD

President Roosevelt's mother died yesterday, a fortnight before her 87th birthday. The President was with his mother when she died. The funeral, which will be private, will be held at the family home, Hyde Park, which commands a view of the Hudson.

NO FOOT AND MOUTH

No case of foot and mouth disease was reported in any county either on Saturday or yesterday.

DEATH.

Griffey—On the 7th inst., at his residence, "Roseville," Roxboro' Road, Limerick, John Griffey; deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains will be removed on this Monday evening at 7 p.m. to St. John's Cathedral. Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 12 noon.