

smiling, she re-appeared holding a big and a small apple in her lily-white hands. "How much?" I asked. "Eightpence," she answered, still smiling. This was robbery with a vengeance. I said nothing, but paid her. After leaving the shop I began to eat the smaller of the two apples but found that it was rotten through and through. I had been had. Chucking the rotten apple into the street channel I thought of my forefather, Adam, and then realized that I was just as big a fool as he was. To finish off a bad bargain, a friend of mine afterwards informed me that farmers in the country are now selling apples for, to use an American phrase, a dime a dozen. I remain, sir, yours faithfully,

"P. G. C."

AGED AT LEAST 110

Having drawn the old age pension since the Act was first enacted in 1908, John Faherty, Lettergesh, Renvyle, Connemara, has just died, aged at least 110 years. He is survived by his second wife, who is aged 98.

EASY MONEY FOR JOE LOUIS

Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, is to receive over £3,500, or 50 per cent. of the gate, for a six-round exhibition bout in Lima, Peru, on February 15. His opponent has not yet been named.

was up against the usual stone wall in a perjury case.

FINES TO BE INCREASED

Owing to the large number of cyclists and owners of other vehicles found by Guards travelling without lights at night, District Justice Gleeson announced at Kildysert District Court that the fines would have to be increased. He commented on the danger of unlighted vehicles, and said that even though a reflector cost only sixpence many people risked their lives rather than affix one to their bicycle. He confessed that he could not understand why people would not observe the lighting regulations.

JURORS SLEEP IN BALLROOM

When Judge Gleeson directed that a jury hearing a criminal case in Roscommon should be lodged in the town overnight, it was found necessary to use the ballroom of a local hotel as a dormitory, under the supervision of Civic Guards. No other accommodation was available.

DEATH.

RYAN (Limerick)—January 19, 1947, at her residence, 23 Wickham Street, Limerick, Mary (Maria) Ryan, wife of C. J. Ryan, Wholesale Confectioner. Funeral took place to-day (Monday), at 3 p.m. from St. Michael's Church.

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