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its immediate neighborhood, but in the surrounding country, is (says the Werford People) about to be remedied. Steps were taken on Sunday last towards carrying out this object by getting a Christian Brocarrying out this object by getting a Christian Brothers' school established here. The Rev. Thomas there's chool established here. The Rev. Thomas Busher, P.P., called a meeting of the parishioners and formed a committee (to put the matter in working order) of which he is chairman, and Rev. N. W. Harpur, C.C., secretary. A site for the school on an aces of land rent free has been generously given by Father Busher, off the property lately purchased by him in Newtownbarry. A Christian Brothers' establishment for so thickly populated a Catholic district will cost a large sum of money—but it is to be hoped funds for so desirable an object will be forthcoming. The thanks of the inhabitants of New-townbarry and the surrounding country are justly due to Father Busher for his praiseworthy exertions not only in this matter but in anything that concerns the well being of his people.

The Tenants' Committee of the Silles' Defence Fund (says the Trake Chronicle) have issued a cir-Fund (says the fraction of the says and sales a chi-cular earnestly soliciting subscriptions. They say: "Mr. Silles has been subjected to a ruinously costly law suit, and is threatened with a second trial for having, at a tenants' meeting, on the estate of his landlord, spoken in the interest of his brother tenants regarding a threatened change of agency which they considered would be an unbappy change for them. As Mr. Silles holds his own farm under a lease for thirty-one years, he is himself totally in-dependent of any such change; and he protested against it on Mr. Sandes' antecedents, exclusively for the sake of those who are less happily circumstanced. The plaintiff fixed his venue in Dublin, obliging Mr. Siles to proceed to the metropolis, and remain there with fifteen witnesses for three weeks at enormous expense. The public importance of the case might be inferred from the fact that Mr. Butt, Q.C., M.P., leading counsel for Mr. Silles, remained in Dublin to conduct the defence, although urgent Irish business called for his presence in parliament" We understand that a deputation will, in a few days, wait upon the people of Tralee to solicit subscriptions for the object of their forma. tion. As every merchant, shopkeeper, and artisan is clearly identified with the prosperity or depression of the farming class, so unquestionably should each of those citizens of Trales cheerfully contribute to indemnify the man who stood forth, at ruinously heavy expense, to uphold the interest of the farming classes. The committee count upon a hearty and generous reception from the good men and true

In accordance with a requisition from the clerk of the peace calling on the magistrates to elect a clerk for the petty sessions districts of Biverstown and Sooey, the tollowing justices attended at the courthouse, Riverstown, on Monday-B. O. Cogan (chairman), C. W. O'Hara, and Thomas Phibbs Esqrs. Henry Charlton was unanimosly elected as clerk of petty sessions for the above districts, in room of his father, who resigned. The following expression of the feelings of the beach towards Mr. Charlton was unanimously adopted. Mr. Charlton was an efficient and courteous official :- " We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing our regret at the retirement of Mr. Thomas Charlton from the clerkship of those petty sessions districts which he held for a period of nearly fifty years, with credit to himself advantage to the public, and to the public, and to the satisfaction of the bench. We are sorry to hear that the retiring pension allowed him by government is very trifling and we hope the Lord Linutenant may be enduced to reconsider his case, in consequence of the memorial to his Excellency in his favor signed by every member of the grand jury at the last assizes."

Mr John Kennedy, clerk of petty sessions, Riverstown, a few miles from Cork, has died from the effects of a stab he had received on Sunday last from a man named Cashman, who, it is said, was delirious at the time. Cashman has also succumbed to self-inflicted injuries.

In the Landed Fstates Court, last week, part of the lands of Glengarifie, with the hotel and premises thereon, known as the Bantry Arms, situate in the barony of Bere, held under lease for 200 years, from 25th March, 1836—net annual rental, £145—was sold to Mr. White for £3,000.

The Lords of the Treasury have, on the recommendation of the Board of Public Works, sanctioned a loan of £800 to the Listowel board of guardians, for the construction of water works in the town. the advance to paid in thirty years, with interest at 3! per sent.

The Killerglin correspondent of the Kerry Per writes :- " On the 30th March ult., a farmer's wife named West presented him with a brace of boys, and was on the occasion visited by her landlord. R J Marshall, Esq, who generously presented the father with a receipt for a gale's rent (£25). More power to Mr and Mrs West, we say."

The Constabulary of the Tralce and adjacent stations were engaged on Wednesday week (says the Trales Chronicle) bell-firing in a field close to the Listowel road. The force, numbering about thirty men. was under the command of Head-Constable M'Lean Very like the usual occupation of a civil force! Perhaps "they had nothing else to do."

On the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, the holy order of priesthood was confered upon four deacons, and the order of deacon upon one candi date, by the Right Rev Dr Delany, Bishop of Cork,in St. Mary's cathedral, Cork. Those ordained priests were-Rev Brother James Littleton, O P; Rev William M'Cullough, and Rev Florence Crowley, dioceso of Cork; and Rev Richard Sheehan, diocese of Cloyne; and the cleric upon whom the diaconate was confered was the Rev Richard Barrett, diocess of Cloyne.

On Friday week, the farm of land known as Ardnaglen, situated about one mile from the town of Kilbeggan, containing 184 Irish acres, held under lease, twenty-two years of which are unexpired, at the rent of 1697, 16s, 11d., was sold by auction by Messrs. Coffey, Mullingar, to Mrs. Lock, of Kilbeggan, for the very handsome price of 5,637%, including auction fees.

Mr. John O'Meara, auctioneer, Thurles, last week sold the interest in a farm containing about 30 acres statute measure for the extraordinarily high sum of 6411, with commission. The farm belonged to Mr. Daniel Long, Ballycahill, and is situate within three miles of Thurles. It is held from a good landlord, Rickard Wall, Esq., Holy Cross, and subject to the yearly rent of 21, per acre. There was brisk competition.

An extraordinary proposal was submitted to the Oork board of guardians by the house and visiting committees, with respect to the practice of paying substitutes for the dispensary physicians. The committees are of opinion that the guardians heretofore have been too liberal to the physicians, and they suggested that in future no allowance should be made, save where the medical officer is confined to bed by "contagious disease," and a joint certificate of his incapacity is produced from the three medical officers of the workhouse. By a vote of 25 to 12 the board adopted this recommendation.

During the twelve years that the Kinsale Fishery has been worked, there has been no result of one week's fishing to bear comparison with that of last week, during which 13 steamers were despatched to New Milford and Holyhead with an average cargo of 1,200 boxes each, which, at 11 cwt. per box, will for the life of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, or a give 1,170 tons of fish Add to this 450 tons shipped term of thirty-one years from the 1st of November, on board satting vessels for the English markets, 1859, whichever should longest last, subject to the besides the daily transit of 25 tons by rail, and you yearly rent of £288. Those lands are also subject will find a gross catch of 1,670 tons of splendid fish, to two yearly payments of £16 5s, one terminating admitted she got the cheque, was remanded.

Mr. Laughlin Freeman, T.C., who, it will be remembered, was prosecuted as the owner of the brigantine Alecto, for sending her to sea in an unseaworthy state, and was found guilty, but who asked for liberty to appeal against the decision, has (says the Daily Express), acting on the advice of counsel, withdrawn his notice of appeal, and will accordingly, at next assizes, surrender himself to receive sen-

A peculiar complaint was preferred last week against the master of the Limerick workhouse by the local inspector, Mr. Bourke. The latter reported that the master obtained leave of absence recently, and that instead of taking measures "to recruit his health" he got married to one of the female teachers. The consequence, according to Mr. Bourke, was that the schoolboys got into a state of wild insubordination, and the general discipline of the house was relaxed. The master was ordered to prepare a written answer to the complaint.

The inhabitants of Loughrea and the people of the surrounding district attending the market were much excited and alarmed on hearing that a patient laboring under small-pox was coming into the town from Athenry. The clergy of the town, with a few of the guardians and commissioners, waited on J. H. Blake, Esq., J.P., and Captain Smith, J.P., at Lord Clauricarde's office in order to take steps to prevent, if possible, the patient from coming through the town; but before the proper steps were taken, the workhouse van conveying the patient, Catherine Connor, aged about twenty years, passed through the town, and is now in the hospital, under the care of Dr. Lynch.

On Saturday afternoon last (says the Tralec Chronicle) a young man named Mahony, aged thirty years, and a son of a farmer living near Castleisland, went out rabbit shooting. When near the wooden bridge on the new railway he saw the gamekeeper coming up, and hid the gun in a hedge. When the gamekeeper passed he leaned over to draw out the gun with his left hand by the muzzle. While doing so the gun exploded, the charge entering his left side. Dr. Harold, who was walking on the road a short distance off, was in immediate attendance, but the poor fellow died in a few minutes.

At the last meeting of the Dundalk Town Board Mr. Hanratty, Mr. Hamill, and the chairman censured the clerk for having neglected to call a special meeting of the board to consider a letter addressed to it by the O'Connell Centenary Committee, inviting it to send representatives to the conference on the 6th of March. The letter in question did not come before the board till the 27th March. The clerk stated that there was a meeting called for the day after the letter was received, but that a quorum did not attend. He was ordered to produce the letter at the next meeting.

An inquest was held last week at Bandon, relative to the death of Mr. Smith, the station master who received fatal injuries at the railway terminus while engaged in shunting a goods train on Monday. None of the witnesses were able to say of their own knowledge how the accident occurred, but one of them stated that Mr. Smith told him that he was thrown off the step of the guard's van by his leg striking against a post, and that the waggon passed over the limb, crushing the bone to pieces. The doctors were of opinion that the injury was caused by contact with the post alone, as the back of the leg was uninjured. The jury recommended the unfortunate gentleman's family to the consideration of the directors.

O'CONNELL'S SPEECHES .- Sister M. F. Cusack is now busily engaged in preparing for publication, in time for the O'Connell Centenary, what is really a gigantic undertaking-namely, in six volumes 8vo, each volume numbering 600 pages, "The Public Speeches and Letters of the Liberator," being a continuation of her already published "Life and Times of O'Connell." What Irishman, what Catholic is there of any nationality but will wish Godspeed in this to er energetic labours?

NATIVE ART .- In connection with the forthcoming O'Connell Centenary, it may not be out of place to mention that amongst the many mementoes of the event which are being prepared Mr. J. P. Delany jeweller, of 10 Lr. Sackville-st., has produced a medallion which, in point of artistic workmanship, deserves much praise and will undoubtedly be pur chased and preserved with interest. It bears in relief on one side an excellent portrait of the Liberator with the appropriate motto, "The Friend of the People," and on the other a monumental slab, bearing the dates of O'Connell's birth and death, with a figure of Erin weeping. The entire production is most creditable -Freeman.

At a meeting of Belfast solicitors held last week. Mr William Harper in the chair, a committee, was appointed to wait as a deputation on the Lord Chancellor, the Chief Secretary, and the law officers of of Ireland, and also upon the Belfast Town Council and its law committee, to show the urgent necessity which exists for adopting in Ireland the English system of having lawyers only appointed as resident magistrates, and of having two barristers nominated to discharge the duties of police magistrates and legal assessors in aid of the borough justices of Bel-

REMARKABLE DEATH OF Two SISTERS.—No small amount of surprise has been occasioned in Ennis at the unexpected death of two claerly females named Ryan, of great antiquity and longevity, one having attained the ripe age of 96, the other 92. As joint proprietresses they conducted with great success, some thirty-five or forty years ago, the only hotel then of small dimensions, then in the town of Ennis and it was the chiefresort of all the ancient members of the Munster Bar, many of whom afterwards adorned the judicial bouch, and some yet survive who will, doubtless, remember the name of "The Gridiron." 'The great O'Connell was amongst its patrons. Sergeant Goold, Counsellors Bennett (the Father of the Munster Bar), Henn, Cooper, Freeman, the Hon. Mr. Plunket, Coppinger, and others, with the late Sir M. Barrington, Orown Solicitor, often enjoyed the social convivialities of life when on circuit necessarily shared in, under the females now departed, and whose character was of the highest. Strange to say, the two sisters, who are reported wealthy, died within a few hours of each other and under the same roof, at their residence in Jail-street. One, named Jennie, was an old maid, the other, Nancy, was married seventy years ago, but her husband left her three days after, and has never since been heard of. It is said that both made wills of their money and offects, set down at £1,000, though for the last five years they were known to have lived without enjoy. ing the common necessaries of life.

On Saturday last (says the Roscommon Messenger) the interest in the lands lately held in this county by Mr. James Lynam was set up to suction by the senior member of the firm of Ganly, Sons, and Parker, at the county courthouse. Mr. Ganly, set up Lot No. 1, being the fee-simple of the lands of Ballinturly, containing 115a lr 15p statute measure, situate in the parish of Baslick and barony of Ballymoe. It was knocked down to Mr. F. M'Donnell at £4,355, at which sum he was declared the purchaser, if approved of by the court, when Mr. F. M' Donnell declared be had purchased it in trust for Mr. Francis M'Namara, of Galway. Lot No. 2 was next set up, being part of the lands of Ballyhaba and Tomona, making 178a or 3p Trish plantation measure, held under lease, dated 28th May, 1860,

A want long felt, not only in Newtownbarry and which realised to the fishermen alone the large sum in April, 1883, the other of £7 16s, terminating in 1891, in repayment of loans from the Board of Works expended on the dwelling-house, and offices, which are first-class buildings, making the rent in all £306 1s. It was knocked down to Mr. Flanagan at £3, 450. Lot 3, containing another portion of the lands

of Tomons, amounting to 87a lr 17p Irish, held under the same tenure, at the yearly rent of £155 5s, was also purchased by Mr. Flanagan for a sum of £950. The lands of Ballinderry, containing £204a 3r 18p Irish, held under lease for the lives of Princes Alfred and Arthur, or 31 years from the first day of November, 1863, at a rent of £236 68 Cd, was bought by Mr. John Kelly, of Essex Lawn, for £955. The lands of Keonfield, containing 96a 2r 20p, held under lease, dated 9th November, 1844, for a term of 31 years or three lives, one of which was still in existence, was bought by Mr. Richard Flynn for £1.150.

Last week (says the Limerick correspondent of the Cork Examiner) an elderly man, well dressed and of gentlemanly appearance, called at the boot establishment of Mr. John O'Brien and Son, Williamstreet, and stated that he was Controller of the Customs in Limerick, and was residing at 9 Lower Mallow-street; that he had received a letter from his son, who was, about to get married, enclosing him a post office order for £8, and requesting him to purchase twelve pairs of boots for the family at Mr. O'Brien's shop, he having made purchases there himself on previous occasions, which proved satisfactory. The customer during the selection of the boots chatted freely with Mr. O'Brien, told him that his office was burned on one occasion owing, he believed, to his not having offered himself to God that morning; that he would not keep a dog, so as that he would be able to give more food to the poor; and after considerable moralising of this nature, which convinced Mr. O'Brien of the thorough lona fides of the business, the boots were parcelled up, and Mr. Pearson confidently asked for a receipt, which he got. He then said that the messenger could bring the boots with him to his lodgings, and that he would there pay him the amount—£6 3s. The messenger went to 9 Lower Mallow-street, was shown by Pearson up stairs, and ushered into a sitting-room. Pearson told him to ait down, which the messenger did, and handed the two parcels to the former, who quickly passed with them through a folding door into a back room, down the stairs and disappeared through a back entrance. O'Brien's messenger soon found that he had been tricked, and returned with the story to his employer, who had the police immediately communicated with, but up to the present without succeeding in capturing the agile Pearson. It transpired that he had only on that day completed arrangements with Mrs. Hill to take a sitting-room, two bed-rooms, and a stable for his horse. She did not know him before, and did not hear of him since. He is not the Controller of Customs in Limerick.

GREAT BRITAIN.

CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN.—The second quarterly meeting for the current year of the general committee of the Catholic Union of Great Britian was held as Willis's Boomson Tuesday, the 20th ult., and was numerously and influentially attended.

Among the members of the committee present vere his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, President of the Union (in the chair), Lord Edmund Fitzalan Howard, Sir Paul William Molesworth, Bart., Sir Charles Clifford the Hon. W. H. North, the Hon. F. Stonor, Mgr. Patterson, Canon Macmullen, Rev. Dr. Laing, Major Prendergast, Messrs. Wegg Prosser, J. Young Henry Stourton, Charles Langdale, William Laugdale, C. J. Manning, J. Billington Booth, W. A. Blount, Stuart Knill, J. S. Hansom, Henry Bellingham, J. G. Kenyon, E. D. Boycott, Henry Waller, Hubert Hibbert, Lynall Thomas, E. Gresham Wells, Arthur O'Connor, S. Taprell Holland, J. Manby Colegrave, R. B. Berkeley, E. B. Knottesford-Fortescue, E. G. Shapcote, W. D. Kenny, L.L.D., C. G. Wray, C. Leeming, G. E. Ranken, Allen Roskell, Austic. S. King, J. A. Johnstone, T. Rawlinson, Major W. F. Gordon, Dr. Fincham, and Mr. W. S. Lilly, the Secretary.

The Secretary having read the minutes of the last

meeting. The President proceeded to give an account of the ork of the Union since the last quarterly meeting. and laid before the committee the business of the day, the principal item of which was a proposed addition to the rules, in order to enable the council to associate various provincial societies which were desirous of being connected with the Catholic Union. The new draft rules having been read a discussion ensued, in the course of which a very interesting account was given by Mr. Billington Booth of the condition of Uatholicity in Lancashire. Mr. Austin S. King, Mr. John Young, Major Prendergast, Mr. Shoolbred, Rev. Dr. Laing, Mr. Charles Langdale, Mr. Hansom, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, the Hon. W. H. North, Mr. E. Gresham Wells, and Dr. Kenny having addressed the Committee, the addi tional rules were adopted in the following form :-

1. Any Society in Great Britain already existing, or to be hereafter formed, for the promotion of Catholic interests (its rules having been approved by the Bishop of the Diocese), may apply to the Council to be "associated" with the Catholic Union; and it shall be in the power of the Council at their discretion, to associate such society.

2. Every associated society shall pay to the Catholic Union an annual sum, to be agreed

upon between the Council and such society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Council of the Catholic Union, on the application of any such associated society, to give such counsel or assistance as the Council shall deem expedient, and as may be permissible under the rules or bye-laws of the

4. The chairman or other head of any associated society shall be ex-officio a member of the general committee of the Catholic Union; and the members of the associated societies shall be entitled to be pre-

sent at general meetings of the Catholic Union. The President then gave an account of the recent international deputation to the Holy Father, at which the Catholic Union of Great Britain had been represented by a deputation, consisting of Lord Beaumont, Mr. De la Barre Bodenham, and other members of the Union; and invited the attention of the meeting to an important communication from Germany regarding the distressed condition of the Catholic clergy in that country. Mgr. Patterson. followed with further particulars of a very painful nature on the last topic, and a committee (consisting of the Duke of Norfolk, Mgr Patterson and Mr. John Young) was appointed, to organize measures of relief.

The President then invited all present to attend the next day at Archbishop's House on the occasion of the presentation of the address from the Catholics of Great Britain to his Eminence; and the proceedings were brought to a close in the usual man-

ALTERING A CHEQUE.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne Eliza Cooper was charged with obtaining a cheque for two pounds on the 19th ult., from Mr. Edward Joicey, coal owner, Gateshead, and the next day obtaining, or causing to be obtained, the sum of £200 from the National Provincial Bank, the cheque having been altered from the lesser to the greater sum. She had gone at night and got Mr. Joicey to give her a cheque for £2, as it was too late to get a postoffice order, and she wished to send the money to her son in Darlington. The word "pound" had been made into hundreds, and in that form it was cashed flext morning by the bank in Newcastle. A man presented the cheque. The prisoner, who

FATAL ACCIDENTS -At the opening of the racing season at Shawfield, Bridgton, Glasgow, on Saturday, a crowded stand feel, throwing down some hundreds of spectators. At least a dozen persons were injured, but none of them fatally. There was a singular and fatal accident in an Edinburgh street on Saturday. The gas from a public lamp escaped, and when a light was applied an explosion took place. A boy was killed, and three others, including the lamplighter, were seriously injured.

RAILWAY Accidents -- An accident occurred on Saturday to a train between Oswestry and Liverpool, owing to the failure of the break near Gobowen, From fifteen to twenty passengers were more or less bruised and shaken,

AMUSING BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.—Proof was led at Nairn, on Saturday in an action raised by James Millar to recover damages from Miss Millar, for breach of promise of marriage. Plaintiff is in his seventieth year, and defendant in her fifteenth. Both were examined. Plaintiff said he fell in love with defendant at first sight, and that she promised to marry him. His evidence was received with roars of laughter. Defendant denied the promise, and said she would not marry plaintiff although he had one hundred thousand. Decree was given against plaintiff with expenses.

DETERMINED ATTEMET AT SCICIDE.—A denile attempt at suicide was made on Wednesday night by an old man named Edward Ellis, living near Bethesda, North Wales. He was one of the few quarrymen who remained at work during the prolonged strike at Lord Penrhyn's quarries, and his independent action virtually led to his social ostracism by his fellow workmen. A few weeks ago about 130 the proceeds of a collection at a chapel, which Ellis attended, was stolen from his house, and the circumstance, combined with the feeling displayed towards him in the quarry, preyed so seriously on his mind that on Wednesday night be threw himself into a large pond of water which feeds the steam mills at the quarry. He was fortunately observed by a woman who happened to be in right, and, alarm being given, several quarrymen went into the water and succeeded in rescning the old man in a very exhausted state. He was taken to a neighbouring house, and whilst there he managed to get possession of a pair of scissors, with which he inflicted a wound in his throat.

A LADY ELECTED A GUARDIAN OF THE POOR .- Or Friday morning Mr. Draper, the returning officer of Kensington, issued the return of the election of guardians for that parish. There are six new members, including Martha Crauford Merington, a lady living in Pembroke Gardens: Mr. Francis Anderson Inspector-General of Hospital: and the Hon, Rich. ard Chetwynd.

A REMARKABLE PAUPER BRIDE. - At the meeting of the St. Asaph Guardians, on Thursday afternoon the chairman called the attention of the board to the following rather remarkable entry in the workhouse master's book :- "Elizabeth Morris left a few days ago to get married, after twenty years' residence in the workhouse." This highly amused the guardians, who enquired who the conrageous bride groom was, and the master informed them that he had been in the workhouse temperarily some months ago, became enamoured of Elizabeth, then left the house, and is now working in Liaberia quarry and earning 24s weekly.

A LEAP FROM A TRAIN.-A man named Wm Boozey, a poulterer of Mountnessing, while labouring apparently under a hallucination, leaped from a train on the Great Eastern Railway, between Brent wood and Ingatestone. The head, arms, and should ers of the unfortunate man were seriously braised and be was also internally injured.

An Alleged Swindler .- On Monday, at the Mansion House, John Humphreys, alics James Haughton described as a glazer, the Quay, Dublin, was charged, on remand, with obtaining, by false pretences, sums of money from different City solicitors. The pri-soner obtained £20 from Messrs. Nelson and Co. after various representations, and by a letter of in-troduction from Mr. Miller, Q.C., who was present, and stated that he gave the letter, believing the statements made to him as to a friend of his, Mr Haughton, of the Quay, Dublin, a relation of whom prisoner told Messrs. Nelson he was. Mr. James Haughton denied all knowledge of the prisoner. Mr. Thomas B. Hillis, from the Munster Eank, stated they had no account in the name of Messrs. Haughton and Son. The prisoner gave cheques upon the Munster Bank in exchange for those he asked the solicitors he called upon to give him for his ac commodation. He was committed for trial.

Scoren Humiliation.-For thorough enjoyment of a day of penitence and humiliation there are no people like the Scotch. Their deep religious feeling was displayed with more than wonted fervour last Thursday the day on which the good people of Edinburgh observed their "Spring sacramental feast." "Not for many years," says the Scotsman, "has the exodus from the city been so great." More than 30,000 persons left town by railway alone, while the roads leading to Portobello and other places of favourite resort were crowded by pedestrians and conveyances full of godly persons bent on selfdenial. From early forenoon to sunset the pier at Portobello was thronged with an ever-changing crowd, and, a band being in attendance, "the promenade was of a most enjoyable character." haven also swarmed with visitors, attracted thither by its good repute for fish dinners. The steamboats and railway carriages were crammed with excursionists en route to various places of interest within easy distance of Edinburgh. By nightfall several of these fasting pilgrims appeared to be in an advanced state of intexication, but doubtless in reality were suffering from the effects of unwonted abstinence and from the ecstatic state of their feelings on the occasion. The Presbyterian places of worship were "but poorly attended," but the attendance at the publichouses left nothing to be desired, for they were, it is stated, "well patronized," and drove a brisk trade, self-humiliation being the order of the day. Those who are ignorant of the Scotch character may draw mistaken inferences from the apparent exhilaration which prevailed in this city of penitents; but the truth probably is that the people of Edinburgh felt it their duty to deny themselves their greatest delight—namely, assembling for public worship, and sternly to repress for the day that serious deportment which they indulge themselves by assuming on ordinary occasions .-Pall Mall Gazette.

THE COCK INN, WESTEINSTEE -Among the old houses which were not long ago removed in order to clear the site of the new Aquarium and Winter Garden at Westminster, was the ancient hostelry of the Cock, famous in olden times as the house where according to ancient tradition, the labourers who worked at the erection of King Henry VII.'s Chapel at Westminster Abbey, went to receive their wages. Later it enjoyed a reputation on quite another account, as having being the jun from which the first stage coach to Oxford started, some two centuries ago. Those who knew the inn down to a very recent date say that in the back parlour there was a picture of a jolly and bluff looking, man in a red coat, who is said to have been, its driver. The spacious inn yard was much frequented by carriers not unlike some of those still standing in Bishops-gate street in the Borough. . On the front of the inn was an ancient coat of arms carved in stone, representing the heraldic bearings of England and France, and let into the wall. The house in all probability was at one time an inn of considerable pretensions, as its rafters and timbers were principally of codar intermixed with oak. It had on the staircase a curious hiding-place, which may have secreted either a other merchants on the same street, some of them "Mass Priest" or else a highwayman in the days opposite their store, had failed."

when both were in open hostillty to the laws of the land. In the house was also formerly a massive carving of Abraham about to offer up his son Isaac, and another representing the Adoration of the Magi both said to have been left in pledge, at some remote period, on account of unpaid scores. The inn during the last few years before its demolition was known as the Cock and Tabard. The Cock in all probability was assumed as the sign of the house on account of its proximity to and dependence on the on the Abbey, of which St. Peter was patron, for in the Middle Ages a cock in the act of crowing, usually on the top of a pillar, was often one of the accessories in a picture of the Apostles. It may be added that there is still a Cock-tavern in Tothill street, but is on the south, not on the north side, and has no connection with the ancient hostelry.-Times.

HORRIELE DISCOVERY IN A WOOD .- On Thursday week a shocking discovery was made in the Alum Scar Wood, Pleasinton. A number of masons were rambling through an unfrequented part of the wood, when they suddenly came upon the body of a man in a sad state of decomposition, lying amongst the stones in the bed of a stream that passes through the wood. The body was almost naked, and partly covered with dead leaves that had fallen from the trees overhead. From all appearances the body has been lying in this state for several months past. On the men attempting to lift it out of the stream it dropped to pieces, and the internal parts fell out. At present the affair is shrouded in mystery.

UNITED STATES.

Speaking of the depression of trade in the United States during the past year, Consul Archibald in his Commercial Report on New York says that the principal cause has been a general want of confidence in financial and commercial circles, resulting immediately from the disastrous tinancial crisis of 1873, but in reality from a long period of evertrading, excessive speculation, and general extravagance. Mercantile firms and business men, whose capital had previously been impaired, have succumbed to the pressure of the times, failing to obtain credit which under more favorable conditions, would probably have been accorded to them. As a principal means of restoring confidence the vicious practice which has heretofore obtained of expanding mercantile credits must be effectually done away with and replaced by a cash and short credit system, which will, as it already has done in some measure, place commercial transactions on a sounder and healthier basis. That there has been during the past year a disposition on the part of merchants generally towards a safer and more conservative mode of transacting business is unquestionable, and a continuance of this course, though it may for the time ultimately conduce to financial prosperity, and to the improvement of the general trade of the country, and of that important centre of commerce, New York in particular.

THE MINERS' STRIKE .- WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 12. -A procession of 300 Welch miners from the city, with bands of music, and carrying the stars and stripes, went to Kingston this afternoon to attend a mass meeting. Only about 200 of the Kingston miners went to the meeting. The Irish took no part in it, and there is a likelihood of a break between the miners of these nationalities. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. C. Smith and Honorable Richard Williams, of Hazelton. They advised that there should be no yielding to the operators. Good order was maintained, but the meeting has the effect of intimidation on those who like going to work. Letters are appearing in the local papers from miners, urging their comrados to break the strike, and to-day several men from Sugar Notch sent a note to Parrish, stating their desire to go in the mines. The Sheriff's posse, on guard at Hutchison's breaker, had a dozen or more shots fired at them last night.

BOUNTY CLAIMS .- WASHINGTON, D.C., May 12.-The Atty-General, in response to an enquiry from the Secretary of War, gives it as his opinion that. enrollment before the proclamation and orders mentioned in the Act of April 22nd, 1872, does not preclude a claim for bounty, where the company or regiment was mustered into the military service of the United States prior to July 22nd, 1861.

REPORTED RESIGNATION .- Nothing is known at the Executive Mansion of the reported probable resignation of Secretary Fish at the end of the present year

PLACE HILLS-O'NEILL CITY.-The Black Hills excitement is taking a rest. Not that the reports from that region are less encouraging-on the contrary the captured miners are a unit in the statement that the country is rich beyond description-but the prompt action of the military has had the effect to cool the arder of thousands who had intended to go. and who now have decided to remain until such time as the country is legally opened. One good effect, however, has been brought about by this excitement. O'Neill's Colony, in the northern part of this State, is before the people with all its advantages agricultural and other. Being on the best and cheapest route to the Hills, thousands are flocking there, as the crowded trains on the S. C. & P. R. R. to Wisner, and the long lines of "prairie schooners" which daily pass through our town, will bear ample testimony. Of course the great majority are bound for the gold fields, but many will remain there permanently and engage in agricultural pursuits, while others will make it their base of operations and starting point for the New Eldorado. Gen. C'Neill was extremely fortunate in selecting this locality for his colony, not alone for its agricultural worth, which cannot be surpassed but for its being the key to a new and rich country beyond-a country which, in a few short years, will rise to the magnitude of a California. We tender the General our congratulations on the success which is inevitable, and we predict for O'Neill City a population of 5,000 inside of three years - West Point (Nebraska) Kepublican.

The New Orleans Picayune says :- It is estimated that the fruit vield this summer will be quadruple that of last year, and the largest ever known at the South. In this abundance Louisiana is to offer the first fruit crop she has ever produced. Considering the extensive crops expected, we would not be surprised to see peaches during the season as low as thirty or forty cents a box. Grapes, it is said, will be in excessive supply, at prices, too, within the reach of all.

Sloux Ciry, Ia., May 12 .- Two companies of the 7th U.S. Cavalry, from New Orleans, arrived here ; this morning by the Illinois Central road, and went up the river. About fifty men left here to-day for the Black Hills. Up to this time the number of men have left here for the Hills is over 700.

ADVERTISING IN DULL TIMES .- The Milwaukee Wisconsin relates the following :- "After the crash of 57, when every body was almost scared to death; and the croakers predicted that the country had. gone to smash, a dry goods house was opened in this city, which proceeded on the principle that Th order to reach the hoarded money in the pockets of the people, the proprietor must sell at very reasonable prices and advertise very largely. They worked vigorously upon this principle. Their brother, merchants who did not advertise predicted that the new comer would be ruined, as they paid too much for advertising: Nevertheless they persisted. In a single year they paid five hundred dollars in gold to the Daily Wuxonsin for advertising, and at the ond of seven years they retired from business with a fortune of one hundred thousand dollars, will a