

accomplished in making cycling what it is to-day, a great national institution. The precursor of the "boneshaker" was the velocipede, which would seem to have been invented by a Frenchman in 1799. Further varieties came later on, and in the sixties they were very common under the term bicycles and tricycles. When one considers the bicycle of to-day, with all its luxury, and the safety and ease with which it can be learned and ridden, it is not surprising to find that millions of the people of these islands are votaries of the "wheel," for it takes them pleasantly along the countryside on pleasure bent, or to and from one's place of business week in week out. Then there is the motor bicycle, so popular with those who love rapid transit, and they are an important section of the cycling world. All things concerned, cycling has made wonderful strides in the past thirty years, and, as Mr Amery said, not alone are its knowledge and value spreading in the British Dominions, but even in a bush track in dark Uganda seventeen or eighteen years ago the small bicycle was not unknown to the natives, while to-day even racing events are taking place in that part of equatorial Africa. We have no doubt that the Cycle Show at Olympia possesses keen interest to wheelmen, and are not surprised to see that it has attracted an enormous attendance, including, as stated, numerous callers from Ireland.

CITY GAS SUPPLY.

The city gas supply was much improved to-day. The additional retorts which the Engineer, Mr Enright, had arranged on Tuesday to put into operation are now working, and it is believed that a satisfactory supply of gas is henceforth assured. The Engineer and the Gas Committee are to be commended for their untiring efforts to cope with an exceptional situation.

VISITORS SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. Mary Morris, a native of Dublin, took suddenly ill at half past five yesterday morning, and passed away after being spiritually attended by the Rev H. O'Connor, C.C., St. Mary's. The deceased who was 56 years of age was on a visit to her brother-in-law, Mr. A. Lysaght, Athlunkard Street.

FOOTBALL CLUB WHIST DRIVE.

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SAD COUNTY LIMERICK FATALITY.

Young Girl Killed at a Level Crossing.

A tragic accident occurred on Tuesday evening about six o'clock at Ahane railway level crossing near Castleconnell when a girl named Bridget Carroll, the gate-keeper, aged 17 years, succumbed to injuries sustained.

Some time about the hour stated a motor car, stated to be driven by a man named M'Grath, of Limerick, was travelling in the direction of Newport. The crossing gates being closed, he sounded the hooter, and Miss Carroll attended to open them.

She had opened one side to admit of the car to pass, when it swung back with her, and the car coming on struck the gate, Miss Carroll being thrown heavily against a wall. When picked up she was found to be unconscious, and died in fifteen minutes.

The body was taken to her house close by. McGrath has been detained by the Castleconnell Civic Guards.

An inquest was held at Castleconnell last evening by Dr. M. R. Clery, Hospital, Coroner for East Limerick.

Evidence of identification was given by a brother of deceased, and the accident was described by Daniel Ryan, who was working in a field near by at the time.

A verdict of accidental death, caused by the motor car colliding with the gate, or the reverse, was returned.

Michael McGrath, Clare street, Limerick, the driver of the motor car, who has been charged with contributing to the death of the girl, has been remanded on bail.

THE LATE ALDERMAN THOMPSON.

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Limerick Unemployed Workers' Council, 1 Newenham street:— "That we, the members of the Committee of the Unemployed Workers' Council, at our meeting, have learned with deep regret of the death of Alderman Joseph Thompson, and we tender to his wife and family our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement. It was further proposed by Mr. Michael O'Connor, and seconded by Mr. John Kelly, that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect."

At a special meeting of the Committee of St. John's Workingmen's Brass and Reed Band, a vote of condolence was proposed by Mr P. Ryan, secretary, and seconded by Mr Jerh. Donovan, with the widow and children of the late Alderman Thompson.

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