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to Madeira, and thence to St. Vincent, ...don Island, St. Helena, Cape Town, and so another transmission in between, to Perth, ...s it has another journey to Sydney. It will ...ave flashed along the ocean bed through ...miles of cable, and travelled through 1,500 ... wire. The average time taken is ninety ...s, which makes its rate of progression over 200 ... minute.

CAUGHT BY HIS OWN TRAP.

...tain Mussel, of the 42nd Regiment of the Line, ...de, is, or rather was, a careful man, and had a ...o fear of burglars. The captain had con... ...d an ingenious little apparatus out of a cigar ...ome wadding, and an army revolver, and kept ...he wardrobe where he placed his money. The ...er was so arranged that it would explode ... the wardrobe door was opened with proper ...ntions. The other night at dinner time the ...n, who was about to dine out, went to his ...obe in a hurry for a dress tie. The sequel is ...e is now lying in hospital with a bullet in his

LEGACY TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

... Emily Mary Burton, of Fox Warren, ...m, mother of Mr. Sydney Buxton (Postmaster ...al), whose death took place on June 19, left an ... of £113,592. Her son Bertram having had s... in Truman, Hanbury, Buxton, and Co. given ...y his father, and she having provided portions ...,000 for each of her married daughters, she ... no further provision for them. Subject to a ...r legacy, Mrs. Buxton left all her property to ...n Sydney.

SIR HENRY IRVING'S BIRTHPLACE.

... house in which Sir Henry Irving was born at ...on, Mandeville, Somerset, has been purchased ... Ernest Jardine, the prospective Unionist ...date for East Somerset, to be preserved as a ...rial to the great actor. Mr. Joseph O'Mara ...the 'Birmingham Daily Mail'), cabled to his ...can managers, putting a similar idea before ... The scheme met with their approval, and ...rooks was expected to leave America instantly. ...ardine has, however, anticipated them and ...ed the house.

"THE TERRITORIAL DECORATION."

... 'London Gazette' announces that the King ...eated a new decoration, 'which we are desirous ... be highly prized by the officers of our ...orial Force.' It is ordained that the decoration ...e designed 'The Territorial Decoration,' and ...consist of an oak wreath in silver tied with ... having in the centre the Royal cipher and ... in gold. No person is eligible unless he is, or ... commissioned officer and has served twenty ... in the Territorial Force, including previous ...e in the Yeomanry, Cavalry, Imperial ...anry, or Volunteer force.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The weekly fresh butter market was held on ...sday at Newtownsaude. Average price, ...d per lb.

The Hon. Sybil Reche's bridesmaids will ...ude Lady Victoria May Pery, daughter of the ...l and Countess of Limerick, the Misses ...toria and Mary Arnott, twin daughters of ... John and Lady Arnott, and two daughters of ...y Musgrave.

Lady Coke, wife of the eldest son and heir ... the venerable Lord Leicester, kept her ...hday on Tuesday. The eldest daughter of ... second Lord Annaly, and sister of the ...ent peer of Ellen Lady Inchiquin, and ...y Peter St Maur, Lady Coke is now in ... thirtieth year of her married life.

Mr. T. W. Russell is to receive a deputation ...he 2nd prox., representative of the Linen ...wers' Association and Belfast Industrial ...elopment Association, as to the desirability ...ppointing linen inspectors in England similar ... those appointed in connection with Irish ...luce.

...t the meeting of Board of Management of ... School Board this week, Messrs. Glynn ... Sons, Kilrush, were declared contractors ... best flour at £12 8s. a ton; Mr. Thomas ...onnell, Tarbert, for best beef at 3½d. ...lb.; Mrs. O'Donnell, Glin, best mutton at ... per lb.

...e regret to record the death, which took ...e on Thursday at his residence, Ryve's Path, ...Mr. C. Carey, in the 57th year of his age. The ...ased had for twenty years been an esteemed ...al of the Railway Company and ceased work ...e six months ago owing to ill-health. The ...pathy of very many friends goes out to his ...ow and family, which includes a member of ...composing staff of this journal, in their great ...ow. The funeral takes place from St. ...ael's R.C. Church at 3 p.m. to-morrow for

MR. JOSEPH O'MARA.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY PRESENTED.

Interesting Proceedings.

The Freedom of the City, voted unanimously to Mr. Joseph O'Mara, the distinguished Irish tenor, at a special meeting of the Corporation on Thursday night, was presented to that gentleman at 4 o'clock last evening. Outside the members of the Council there was a large attendance of the general public, including many ladies. The Council Chamber was decorated with evergreens and potted flowers, which served in a great measure to give the proceedings a dignity due to such an important event in the annals of the Municipality. A little after four the Mayor, who wore his insignia of office, preceded by the City Swordbearer and Sergeants-at-Mace, entered the Chamber, followed by the new Freeman, the City High Sheriff, Sir Thomas H. Cleeve, D.L., wearing his chain of office; and the Town Clerk, Mr. W. M. Nolan, J.P., and they were greeted with loud and continued applause.

The Mayor, Mr. O'Mara, the High Sheriff, and Town Clerk, having taken their seats, the roll was called over, and the announcement made that there was a full attendance of members of the Council.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Honorary Freedom of the city was unanimously voted to Mr. Joseph O'Mara at a special meeting of the Council last night, being proposed by Mr. John Dalton seconded by Mr. Michael Cuddihy and supported by the Mayor, and Alderman Joyce, M.P.

The presentation of the gift—the highest the Corporation can bestow on anyone—was couched in the following terms:—

"Be it remembered. That at a special meeting of the County Borough Council of Limerick, held in the Town Hall on Thursday, the 1st day of October, 1908, the Right Worshipful Alderman Thomas Donnellan, Mayor, in the chair, the honorary Freedom of the City of Limerick was unanimously voted to Joseph O'Mara, Esq., in recognition of his distinguished services as a great Irish tenor and actor, to musical and dramatic art, and as one who during a brilliant career on the operatic and concert stage has earned undying fame and reflected honour upon Limerick as the city of his birth.

"Given at the Town Hall, Limerick, this 1st day of October, 1908.

"THOMAS DONNELLAN, Mayor.
"W. M. NOLAN, Town Clerk."

The Mayor who was very cordially received, in rising to make the presentation, said, on many occasions they met there to have inscribed on the roll of Freemen of the City the names of distinguished personages. There were names of men on that roll who occupied distinguished positions in life, but he should say that it came with a special grace from the Corporation, as representing the citizens of Limerick, to do a like honour to the son of an old citizen and a former member of the Council, and also to the brother of Mr. Stephen O'Mara, who occupied the civic chair for two years. For himself he should say that he never felt prouder in his life than to be present there that evening to present the Freedom of the ancient City of Limerick to their distinguished fellow citizen. It was the highest honour that they could bestow on any citizen, and amongst those who had received such a distinction were prominent personages like Isaac Butt, Charles Stewart Parnell, Michael Davitt, William E. Gladstone, Marquis of Ripon, Lord Morley, of Blackburn, the Countess of Aberdeen, Cardinal Logue, Sir Thomas Mylee, and Andrew Carnegie. A similar honour was now being done Mr. Joseph O'Mara, a worthy citizen who had rendered signal services to music and the dramatic art for a period of twenty years, and who they were proud to be able to call their own. (Applause). He should say of him that at any time he was called upon to give his services to anything affecting the welfare of his native city, he was always to the forefront, and when occasion presented itself as it did now, when Mr. O'Mara was taking his leave of the country for a period of five years, they would be wanting in their duty if they did not acknowledge these services. (Applause). As they were aware he was going across to America to pursue his professional career, and on behalf of Limerick he wished him a prosperous and happy future. In that great country his sweet voice, would awaken many a thrill in the breasts of those Irish exiles who would throng to hear him in the music of his native land, of which he was a grand exponent. It occurred to him (Mayor) that Cork had always honoured her distinguished son, the late Mr. Barry Sullivan, a man famous in his time in the realms of drama, and he (the Mayor) should repeat that Limerick would be wanting in her duty towards Mr. O'Mara if she did not recognise his exceptional ability as a singer. In conclusion he wished to say that he had great pleasure in presenting to Mr. O'Mara the highest honour it was in their power to confer on him—namely, the honorary Freedom of the City. (Loud applause.)

Amid renewed applause Mr. O'Mara accepted the presentation and subscribed the roll of honorary freemen of the borough.

In acknowledging the honour done him,

Mr. O'Mara said—It is with the deepest feeling of gratitude that I accept the great honour con...

P. Molloy, Secretary; the Town Tenant League, by Mr. W. Honan, sec; the United Irish League (St. Mary's and Abbey Fishermen) by Mr. D. J. Morgan, sec.; the Ancient Order of Foresters, by Mr. M. Bourke, sec.; and the Independent Order of Oddfellows, by Mr. T. S. Lawlor.

Mr. O'Mara, in reply, said to the various bodies who had presented him with addresses he returned his most sincere and hearty thanks. The people had overpowered him with honours that day. It was not sufficient for them to bestow upon him the highest honour a city could bestow upon anybody, that was by bestowing on him the Freedom of the city, but they now came spontaneously and showered honour upon honour on him. He could not help saying that he was not worthy of all this. He had done his duty as best he could to the noble profession which he had adopted. To raise the standard of Irish music had always been his ideal, and that was his ambition in going to America. During his travels in Italy, Germany, France, the United States, and England, where he lived for twelve or fourteen years, no matter where he had sung, no song appealed to the people more than the Irish melodies (applause). At the Savage Club in London, of which he was a member, no song was more appreciated than "The Wearing of the Green," and he never yet sang there that he was not called upon to sing that ballad (applause). It was an extraordinary thing that in the very heart of England, of conservative England, the people were forced to acknowledge and take off their hats to the Irish National melodies. One thing that struck him with regard to those addresses was that there was not a single one of them which did not contain a reference to his father and his brother. As the youngest son of the family he looked up to these as his ideals in this life, and to try and walk in their footsteps. If he failed he would ask to be looked upon as one who had done his best, but he did not think he would fail, and, wherever he went he should never forget the 2nd October, 1908, when all Limerick assembled to do him honour (applause). He begged to thank them all again and again, and wherever he travelled he would carry the deepest feelings of Limerick with him and never forget her (loud applause).

The proceedings then terminated.

MR. JOSEPH O'MARA'S CONCERTS.

The concerts associated with the name of Mr. Joseph O'Mara were given in the Theatre Royal on Thursday and Friday nights, and attracted large audiences. Every part of the auditorium was crowded to excess, and the enthusiasm of the audiences was unbounded. The personal popularity of Mr. O'Mara supplied in a great measure the reason for this. In his native city he has always commanded a hearty response in the hearts of the citizens, who, to use his own language, have showered honour upon honour on him. Apart altogether from the consideration of the ties which bind Mr. O'Mara to Limerick, it is no exaggeration to say that in him the operatic stage possesses a singularly gifted artiste. For a number of years he has charmed English, Irish, Continental, and American audiences by his charming singing, and raised the status of Irish minstrelsy to the position it undoubtedly deserves. In his farewell tour he was supported by such distinguished artistes as Madame Grace Nicoll, Miss Marion Broom, Miss Alice McCarthy, Mr. Thomas Abel, and Mr. Edward Brightwell. The first part of Thursday night's concert was miscellaneous in character, and for the second part "The Garden Scene" from "Faust" was staged, and Madame Nicoll, Miss Broom, Mr. Abel, and Mr. O'Mara carried on the action in Gounod's rich strains. The appearance of Mr. O'Mara was the signal for a wild outburst of cheering from all parts of the house. It was a demonstration seldom witnessed in the Theatre Royal, and marks him as a prime favourite in his native city. Irish, and in particular Limerick, are naturally proud of his exquisite tenor voice, his refined art, and keen dramatic instinct, qualities which he will carry with him through America, where he has already achieved a remarkable success. Among the themes rendered by him were "Celeste" from "Aida," "The Ould Plaid Shawl," in which he scored a fine achievement, and "The West's Asleep." Madame Nicholl a finished Wagnerian and Mozartian interpreter sang with much effect "Elizabeth's Greeting" from Tanhauser; the immortal "Il Bacio," and "The Last Rose of Summer." Miss Broom's songs were "My Dear Soul," and "The Rose in the Bud," in both of which her capable mezzo was heard to advantage. "The Prologue to Pagliacci," supplied Mr. Thomas Abel with a theme worthy of his resonant baritone, while he sang the "Song of a Sailor," in fine style, as well as two others as encores. Miss Alice McCarthy's reception was in every way worthy of the fame she has earned for herself as a violinist, none the less a native of Limerick. She gave a cultured bowing of "Ballade and Polonaise" (Vieuxtemps), and imparted a richness of tone to the difficult "Zegenherweisen" which stamps her as an artiste in the very forefront of her profession. Mr. Edward Brightwell, who is a pianist of exceptional ability, as well as accompanying the various singers, performed a pianoforte solo by Stanford-Grainger, entitled "Irish Jig," and took part in an Esposito duet

THE CHURCH.

St. Michael's Church.

On Sunday (to-morrow) Canon Studds, one of the delegates of the Australian Church to the Pan-Anglican Congress, will preach morning and evening in St. Michael's Church for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Evening Prayer will be at 6.30, not at 7 o'clock as stated on handbills.

TO-MORROW'S SERVICES.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—16th Sunday after Trinity.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion, 11.30 o'clock; Venite, Turner in A; Chants, Dupuis (A) and Woodward in D; Service, Barnby in E; Hymn, 5; Introit, 367; Communion Service, Stewart in G; preacher, Rev. R. A. Adderley, M.A. Evensong, 3.30 o'clock; Chants, Flintoff (F minor), Gauntlett (D), and Turle in D; Service, Bridge in G; Anthem, "Blessed be the God and Father" (Wesley); Hymns, 60, 28; Preacher, The Precentor.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—16th Sunday after Trinity.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Military Service, 9.50 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11.30 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 6.30 p.m. N.B.—Sermons at 11.30 and 6.30 Services by Rev. Canon Studds, Goulburn, Australia. Offertory for the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

TRINITY CHURCH—16th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11.30 a.m; Evening Prayer at 6.30 Preacher at both services, Rev. J. T. Waller, M.A.

ST. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH.—Morning Service 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30. Preacher both morning and evening, Rev. T. B. Robertson.

S. JOHN'S CHURCH—16th Sunday after Trinity —Morning Prayer, 11.30; Preacher, Rev. A. A. Burd. Evening Prayer, 7.0; preacher, Rev. R. A. Adderley.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parteen).—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11.45; Preacher, Rev. Precentor Archdall.

KILKEEDY CHURCH. — Morning Service and Holy Communion, 11.30; Evening Service (in Church), 4.0.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lr. Mallow-street) Morning, 11.30; preacher, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A. (Cantab). Evening, 6.30; preacher, Rev. D. McCausland, B.A.

METHODIST CHURCH (George-street).—Sunday Services—Morning, 11.30; evening. 6.30; Preacher, Rev. Benson E. Gentleman. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

THE BAPTIST CHAPEL, MILITARY ROAD.—Oct. 4th.—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening 6.30.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, CECIL ST.—Sunday, 4th Oct.—Meeting, 11 a.m.

CITY PETTY SESSIONS.

YESTERDAY.

Before the Mayor, Mr. Wm. Holliday, and Mr. E. J. Daly.

INCORRIGIBLE.

Francis Barrett, a newsboy, was charged with being drunk the previous night. It was stated it was the thirteenth time the accused was before the Court. He was now sent to gaol for two months failing to pay a fine of £4.

REMANDED.

Wm Madigan was charged with seriously assaulting an old woman, now in hospital, and he was remanded.

AFTER THE RACES.

There were a number of cases of drunkenness, the result of the races. Fines varying from 2s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. and costs were imposed.

LICENSING CASES.

Edward Joyce, publican, New Road, Thomondgate, was summoned for a breach of the Licensing Act by having his premises open at 5.30 on Sunday evening last.

Sergeant Keating proved to having found the approaches open and one Henry Gleeson there.

The defence was that Mr. Joyce and his wife were in the country, and that the gates or approaches were open without their knowledge.

The case was dismissed without prejudice.

John Rainsford, publican, Wickham-street, was summoned for a breach of the Licensing Act and refusing admission to the police on Sunday last.

Constable Shea deposed that about 12.30 he found the hall-door open, and also the bar door from the hall. He found a man there, and ten minutes afterwards two other men. Some of the men were entitled to be on the premises, and others not.

Mr. Rainsford, who was not present on the occasion, said he gave strict instructions to the barmaid not to supply any drink on such occasions except to bona-fide travellers.

Further evidence to this effect was given.

A fine of 10s. 6d. for a breach of the Act and 20s. for refusing to admit the police was imposed.

Two men found on the premises were fined 10s. 6d. each.

CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

Joseph Clarkson was summoned at the suit of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for ill-treating his wife and three youngsters aged 5, 9, and 14 years respectively.